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Letter of Vigo County Pioneer Tells of First People of Valley

Historical Society Hears Message Prepared for Masonic Celebration in 1870.

One of the most interesting programs of the Vigo Historical society was provided by the reading June 28 of a letter written in 1870 by Curtis Gilbert, who was intimately associated with the early building of Terre Haute. The letter was first read at the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Masonic order in Terre Haute. The letter was prepared for the historical society by Henry C. Gilbert, son of the pioneer. The story of early Terre Haute is told as follows:

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When Terre Haute Was Young; Early Fraternal Organizations

Dec 23, 1932

SOME PIONEER NAMES CONNECTED WITH THE FIRST LODGES IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY.

By A. R. Markle.

Ninety-two.

THE MASONIC LODGE.

AMONG the earliest organizations of the pioneer days which has endured through more than a century of the existence of Terre Haute is Terre Haute lodge No. 19 of the Masons.

True, it is not as old as the State of Indiana, formed in 1816, nor Terre Haute, laid out in lots and partly occupied even earlier in the same year, nor yet Vigo county, organized in 1818, but as a corporate body, Terre Haute did not exist for many years after the first sale of lots and only state and the county take precedence over the lodge as self governing bodies with a constitution and by laws governing the rights and duties of the members.

It is claimed by the Methodists that they held services at Fort Harrison before Terre Haute was born, and it is certain that the Catholic missionary held services here even earlier but as against that claim for precedence, the Masons held services at the fort when Harrison was on his way to Tippecanoe and their burial service was read over those victims of the prophet who fell on that battle field.

Some Early Tradition.

History is distinguished from tradition by written documents which corroberate statements made for or against certain facts and the original minute book of old No. 19, is still in existence to prove a continuous life of over 113 years.

Curtis Gilbert once said that "meetings were held around the fire in my office, in the evenings, to plan the organization."

Many of the younger set of men who helped to build the town and county boarded at the old "Eagle and Lion Tavern, built soon after the first sale of lots in October, 1816, and later owned and managed by Robert Harrison.

This was a two-story log building situated on the southeast corner of First and Wabash and a prominent place of entertainment in those days.

Here was celebrated the first of those "Glorious Fourths" in 1817 soon after the completion of the tavern and here met, eight months later the second day's session of the Circuit Court of Vigo, adjourned from the first day when they met as provided by the act that established Vigo county "at the house of Truman Blackman on Fort Harrison Prairie."

The old creaking sign board bore that popular device of the day, a bold and unterrified Eagle picking out the eyes of the British lion, for there were among our own people many of those who had taken their part in the creation of an independent nation through the war of the revolution and many more of those younger men who had only recently been engaged in what they termed "the second war for independence."

Early Grand Lodge.

The inception of the movement was undoubtedly in the office of Curtis Gilbert, a large two-story frame house that stood at the northeast corner of Water and Ohio streets from which it was removed to make way for the present county jail.

The grand lodge of Indiana had been formed at Corydon on the third day of December, 1817, and acquired jurisdiction over the lodges in the young state of Indiana that had been chartered by the grand lodge of Kentucky some years earlier.

Vincennes as the oldest lodge in the territory which had become the state, became number one in the new grand lodge, the others being given new numbers somewhat in the order of their seniority so that when Terre Haute lodge made application for a dispensation under date of March 10, 1819, the petition and necessary payment being forwarded by Lucius H. Scott to Elihu Stout at Vincennes on that day, it gave precedence to others.

Vincennes being the nearest lodge in the state and many of our people being acquainted there as former citizens or as sojourners there on their way to Terre Haute, the petition was sent to Stout as past master and by him forwarded to the grand master for approval by the grand lodge.

The dispensation being granted, Stout came on from Vincennes and on the 12th of July, 1819, officers were elected and installed in a room in the second story of the Eagle and Lion.

There were present on that occasion beside Elihu Stout, Peter B. Allen, John T. Chunn, Curtis Gilbert, Elihu Hovey, his brother Zebina C. Hovey, John Gough, Robert Sturges, Robert Brasher, Eleazar Aspinwall-Thomas H. Clark, Samuel McQuilkin, Andrew Brooks, Jacob Barnup, Joseph A. Norton, Asia Hawley, William Woodward, John Britton and Luther Franklin.

Most of these men were young, probably the youngest being Gilbert who was 27, Stout himself was but 37 and Peter B. Allen, the first master of the lodge was but 53, an old man and suited for the office which he was to hold.

Gough and Aspinwall were members of that Canadian detachment under Willcocks who was succeeded at his death by Major Markle and had come here to take up lands under the act of Congress sponsored by the latter.

Centered At The Fort.

Brooks and Gilbert had been among the earliest comers having been partners in a mercantile venture at the fort where Major Chunn had been and was then in command, though later succeeded by Sturges. Aspinwall died soon after, his will being proved in late 1820 and it is probable that his was the first burial service held by the lodge here, although there does not seem to be any record in the minutes of such a service.

John Britton was only 27 years old but destined to live out a long and active life in the service of Terre Haute.

It is uncertain whether McQuilkin had at this time opened the tavern at the northeast corner of Third and Wabash where he kept for so long the "Lighthorse Harry" tavern after the famous soldier of revolutionary days. He it was who used the proceeds of the sale of the house in later years to lay out the town of McQuilkinsville, shortened soon after to Macksville and later named West Terre Haute.

Britton as elected treasurer. Gilbert, secretary; McQuilkin and Zebina Hovey, deacons; Brooks, steward, and Brasher, tyler.

At the following meeting held on Aug. 12, Peter Ollen appears as grand master, Elihu Hovey, as senior warden, and Samuel McQuilkin, as senior deacon.

A report of the lodge for 1820 adds to the above names, that of Caleb Crawford as a Master Mason and gives the names of George Kirkpatrick and James C. Bradbury as entered apprentices with the date of their initiation as Sept. 30.

Some Pioneer Names. ..

-In 1821 the names of Thomas H. Blake, Lemuel C. Curtis, Josephus Collett, Lewis Hodge, Gersham Tuttle, Elisha Parsons, Demas Deming, John Durkee, Jeremiah Rapplye and Herman Nelson appear as Master Masons and the initiation of J. D. G. McDonald, Robert Harrison, Macom McFadden, Elijah Depauw and Samuel B. Lee is reported as having occurred during the year past. Issac C. Elston is given as passed and raised but does not anywhere appear as an apprentice so that he may have been initiated elsewhere or at a meeting during the previous year and his name not entered in that year's business.

Of these whose names appear for the first time in Masonry, Blake, Collett, Parsons, Deming, Durkee, McFadden and Elston were destined to have much to do with the interests of Terre Haute and Vigo while Harrison was the landlord at the time of the Eagle and Lion where the lodge met.

During this year Grand Master John Tipton, later senator from our state, visited the lodge and there was abundant entertainment furnished, both meat and drink. It was Tipton who as a scout with Harrison made the note that they "came to Tar holt" of an October day. Less than ten years had elapsed since Tippecanoe and from the squalid Indian village where Harrison's men "tore down the huts," a town had emerged with all the furnishings of civilization including whisky, wine and brandy.

A little later in the same year the names of James Hall, Francis Cun-

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ningham, Eli Harris and Eliphalet Shattuck appear as among those present at a meeting and at the last meeting of the year the name of Daniel Shawwis signed as secretary. He had been a member of Vincennes Lodge No. One.

Silas Hoskins was passed at this meeting but there is no entry of his initiation.

John Cruft Honored.

In January, 1822, John F. Cruft was elected a member and became a Master Mason the following month. Cruft had done much of the clerical work of the lodge at an earlier date as is shown by a bill he had presented for copying the records in the amount of $15.00, a considerable sum in those days. He was a deputy in the office of Curtis Gilbert, auditor, recorder and clerk of the court.

About this time Francis Cunningham took over the management of the Eagle and Lion and having moved here from Vincennes, became a member of the local lodge. Whether his coming had any influence over the social activities of the lodge or not the quality and perhaps the quantity of the refreshments seemed to improve at this time for there is a record of his charge for "One quart of rum, $1.50; three quarts of whisky, $1.50; bread, butter and cheese, $1.25 and thirteen suppers, $3.25."

June 23, 1822, the lodge met to conduct the first funeral of which there is a record, that of Lewis Hodge and on the day following, that of Andrew Brooks. The former had been a builder in those early days and the latter, one time partner of Curtis Gilbert, had been elected the first treasurer of the county and had helped Gilbert build the first frame house in Terre Haute, that which stood on the present jail lot.

In March, 1823, Adolph Hill appears from New York and although only an entered apprentice and remained as such for three years, becoming a Master Mason in 1826 and upon moving from Terre Haute a year later, dimitted and disappears from the record.

In July, William Clark, a surgeon in the army asked for a dimit and it was granted, although there seems to be no record of his admission to the lodge.

Elijah Tillotson became a member about this time, probably from Vincennes, although he was an eastern man and he later became the first mayor of the town of Terre Haute.

At the December meeting the name of Z. D. Flagler first appears, he being elected steward for the ensuing six months.

In June, 1824, William Clark, who had dimitted almost a year earlier, is given as junior warden, pro tem and J. W. Osborn as tyler pro tem.

Osborn had been born in Canada and had been one of that courageous band who defied the king and his officers some years before the outbreak of the war of 1812, had been associated with Joseph Willcocks as publisher of a newspaper at York with the resounding title of "Upper Canada Guardian and Freeman's Journal."

Crossed the Border.

Escaping from Canada in 1814 he crossed the boundary to enlist with Willcocks in the Canadian Volunteers and later at Vincennes was publisher of a newspaper and from there came to Terre Haute to establish the first paper in this place in 1823.

In September of 1825 the name of Michael Patton first appears as present at a meeting held that day and he later is mentioned as a junior warden and at this meeting John Beard, Joseph Hopkins and John Porter were in attendance.

In December, 1824, Henry Allen, a son of Peter B. Allen, the first master of the lodge was admitted and two months later his brother Ira also became a member of the lodge, the first instances of the coming of the later generation.

A year later the lodge appointed a committee to place partitions in the unfinished court house under an arrangement with the commissioners who it would seem were unable to complete the building themselves and made this deal with the lodge.

March 26, 1826, the lodge learned of the death of Major Markle on Otter creek, met and made arrangements for the funeral, adjourned to the home and having procured a suitable room there, met and proceeded with the last rites according to ritual and having returned from the cemetery to the house, formally "called off", returned to the lodge room in Terre Haute and closed in due form.

When and where Major Markle was raised to a master Mason is not known but the lodge has in its archives, the parchment certificate of Niagara lodge from which he demitted after being passed to the Fellowcraft degree.

St. John's day, 1827, was an occasion of much importance, the lodge opening and the members marching to the courthouse to listen to an oration by Amory Kinney and then to the house of Israel Harris, (spoken of in the minutes as "Brother Harris", the first intimation of his membership) where they partook of a banquet that must have been a notable one. Harris died, Jan. 16, 1829, and was buried by the lodge "in Masonic form."

In that same week Reuben Christy, John Davy, Ransom Miller, Joseph East and Wm. R. Tribble appear as officers of the lodge when the district master visited the brethren in Terre Haute.

This completed the records of those first few years in which the lodge was getting on its feet, preparing for the growth of the century since passed.

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HIGH TWELVE TOLD EARLY LODGE HISTORY

The part played by Masonic lodges in the early history of Terre Haute was discussed by A. R. Markle, president of the Vigo County Historical Society, at the High Twelve meeting yesterday noon at the Terre Haute House. Mr. Markle told of the influence of the lodges in the early development of the city and the history of the lodge.

He also talked on the original land settlement that is now Terre Haute, the enlargement of the early city boundaries and the Wabash and Erie Canal. Following his talk, there was a discussion period in which he answered questions.

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First Lodge Here Dates From 1819; Eight Other Organizations Since

Five Terre Hauteans Have Been Honored With The Thirty-Third Degree of The Order. Notable Record in Civic Interests and Charity.

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TERRE HAUTE LODGE No. 19, Free and Accepted Masons, became a fixed and permanent institution in this city on July 12, 1819. It received its authority by virtue of a warrant of dispensation issued by the then grand master of the grand lodge of the state of Indiana, Alexander A. Meek, the second man to have filled that high position. He also presided over the convention which met in Corydon, then the state capital, on Dec. 3, 1817, and formed the grand lodge of Indiana.

The dispensation, issued some time between March 10 and July 12, 1819, was in response to petition signed by Peter Benton Allen, John T. Chunn, Lucius H. Scott, Toussaint DuBois, James Hall, Andrew Brooks, Zebina C. Hovey, Demas Deming, Curtis Gilbert, Samuel McQuilkin, Robert Brasher, Thomas H. Clark and Elihu Hovey.

The meeting of July 12, at which the officers were elected and installed was presided over by Elihu Stout, of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, acting as deputy grand master, under authority of commission from the grand master. The officers at that meeting were Elihu Stout, past master and worshipful master, pro tem; Lucius H. Scott, master and senior warden, pro tem; Peter Allen, junior warden, pro tem; John T. Chunn, treasurer, pro tem; Curtis Gilbert, secretary, pro tem; Elihu Hovey, senior deacon, pro tem; Zebina C. Hovey, junior deacon, pro tem; John Gough, tyler. Other members present were: Robert Sturges, Robert Brasher, Eleazur Aspinwall, Thomas H. Clark, Samuel McQuilkin, Andrew Brooks, Jacon Barnup, Joseph A. Norton, Asia Hawley, William Woodward, John Britton and Luther Franklin. Bylaws for the lodge were adopted at the second meeting held Aug. 12, 1819.

Some Reminiscences.

Early history of No. 19 is somewhat dim as to some of the meetings but it seems that the first meeting at which, or after which, a supper was served was about March 30, 1821. These suppers were paid by the members at the rate of about 25 cents per person. While there is no menu of record, it would seem from certain bills that have been found that they consisted largely of simple meat and drink. Wild turkey, venison and bear meat were plentiful while the vegetables were seldom other than corn, beans and cabbage. Tomatoes were not known, salads were rare and the bread usually was of corn. Whisky was the common beverage. Bread, cheese, fried cakes and whisky, with an occasional bottle of brandy, are the only items mentioned in a long file of bills.

Like all such associations without capital stock, No. 19 started off without a treasury. But it was found that men were not wanting, even in those days of slender means, who would go into their pockets and put up the money to start a laudable undertaking and wait for its success for their return. At a meeting held April 12, 1821, the lodge was found to be indebted $154.75 while as assets it had dues for degrees conferred or to be conferred of $75, thus leaving a debt of $79.75.

The first funeral of No. 19 was held on June 23, 1822, when 13 members of the lodge and one visitor met at the lodge room, formed a procession and marched to the home of Lewis Hodge, and thence to the grave, "where his body was committed to the ground with the usual Masonic ceremonies." On the next day there was another funeral—that of Andrew Brooks. It is thought that these two men were buried in the square now bounded by Sixth, Ohio, Wabash and Spectator court. This had been the common burying ground for some years, although about this time the ground on the river south of the Vandalia railroad came into use.

The Ague Period.

Those were sickly times. Few persons were ever well. It was before any start had been made to drain the big swamp east of the city. Following a meeting of the lodge Aug. 29 none was held until Oct. 24. Those were fever-and-ague times.

The history of No. 19 during the next 10 or 15 years is not complete. No doubt this is largely due to carelessness in keeping records. About 1826 the first shadow of the anti-Masonic craze came upon the horizon and it lasted for nearly 15 years. The lodge met quietly, not trying to attract any attention of the public. A meeting held Saturday, Nov. 22, 1833, was the last recorded meeting of any Masonic character for nearly 11 years. There followed the slow rejuvenation of this lodge as well as of other lodges and the grand lodge of the state.

Sept. 6, 1849, No. 19 gave endorsement of its recommendation to the petition of 11 of its own members for a dispensation for the lodge that afterward became Social Lodge No. 86, its charter being granted May 29, 1850. The petitioners were Dayton Topping, Thomas L. Marshall, William K. Edwards, Thomas N. Burton, F. Canine, P. L. Hawley, Jonathan M. Hager, S. J. Melvin, Macom McFadden, L. I. Pool, Thomas P. Murray and William J. Ball.

A number of the organizers and first members of No. 19 and many of the later accessions to the citizenship of Terre Haute were in possession of the royal arch degrees conferred on them at various places from which they had come to Terre Haute. Consequently it took but an assurance that Masonry was again fully on its feet and on the upward march to prompt the establishment of a chapter here. As a result the charter was issued to Terre Haute Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., on May 26, 1849.

St. John's Day, 1847.

The last public appearance of No. 19 on the streets of Terre Haute had been June 24, 1827, just at the breaking out of the anti-Masonic sentiment. Twenty years later, on June 24, 1847, there was the first appearance under the reformation. Albert Lange, then secretary of the lodge, thus describes it:

"This day being set aside under the by-laws of this lodge for the installation of officers-elect, great preparations had been made to celebrate this anniversary of our great patron, St. John the Baptist in a becoming manner, and publicly and solemnly to install the officers. The weather was fine, the procession orderly and imposing, the music inspiring and the oration by David Wallace, happily conceived, chaste in its composition and execution and masterly in its delivery. And the dinner that followed was equal to the best. Nothing happened to mar the festivities, and harmony, brotherly love and affection were the presiding genii of the day."

The guests at the dinner and the audience to hear the oration were largely the first ladies of the community. The orator was one of Indiana's noted orators, one who had been elected governor of the state the very darkest year in the history of the grand lodge.

June 24, 1849, there was another grand procession through the principal streets of the town under Thomas P. Murray and A. O. Hough as marshals, to the Universalist church, where C. M. Foster delivered an oration. The procession was reformed and marched to the town hall where a "large concourse of ladies and citizens joined in sumptuous refreshments."

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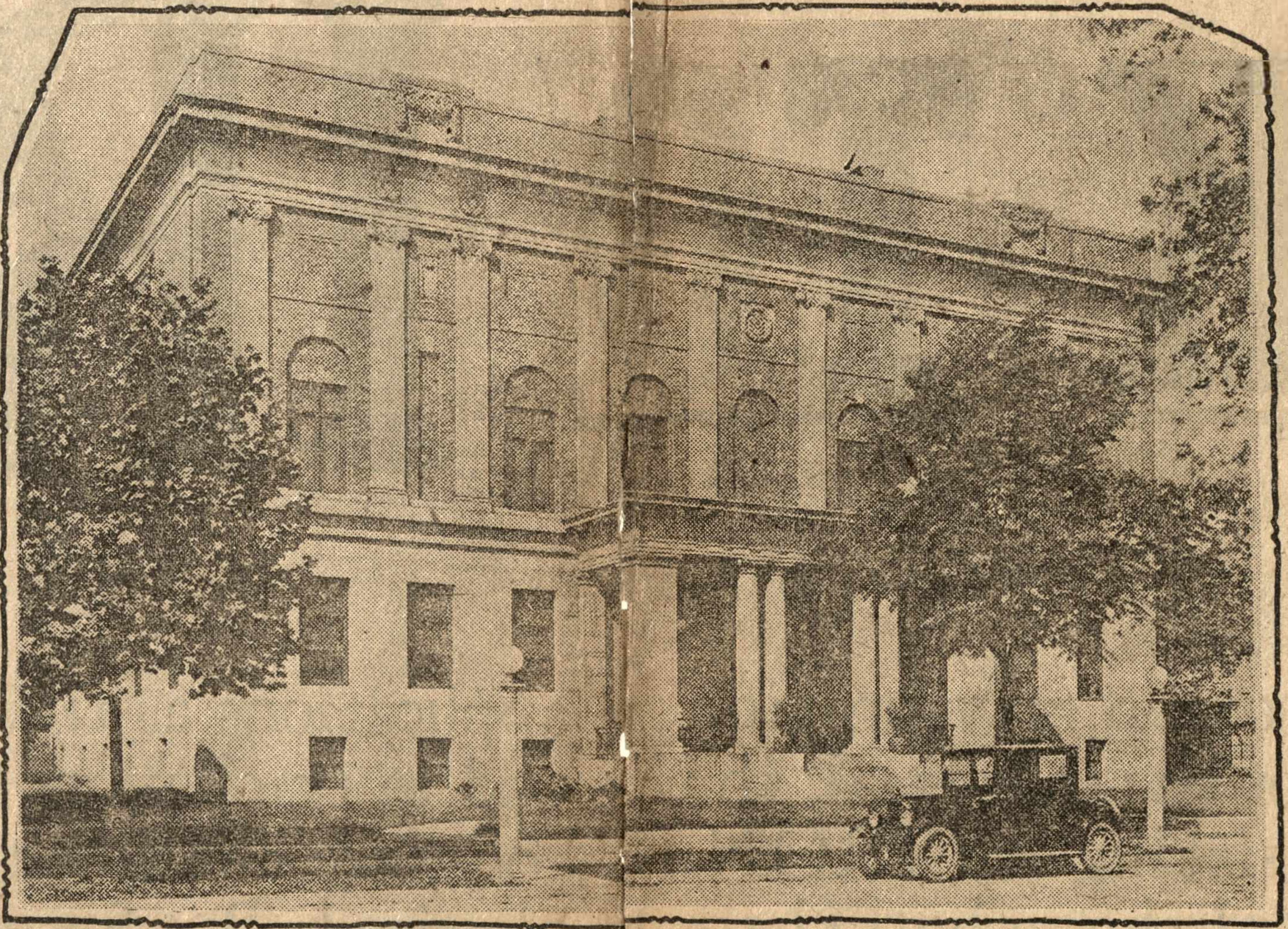

MASONIC TEMPLE ON NORTH EIGHTH STREET, CENTER OF MASONIC INTERESTS HERE.

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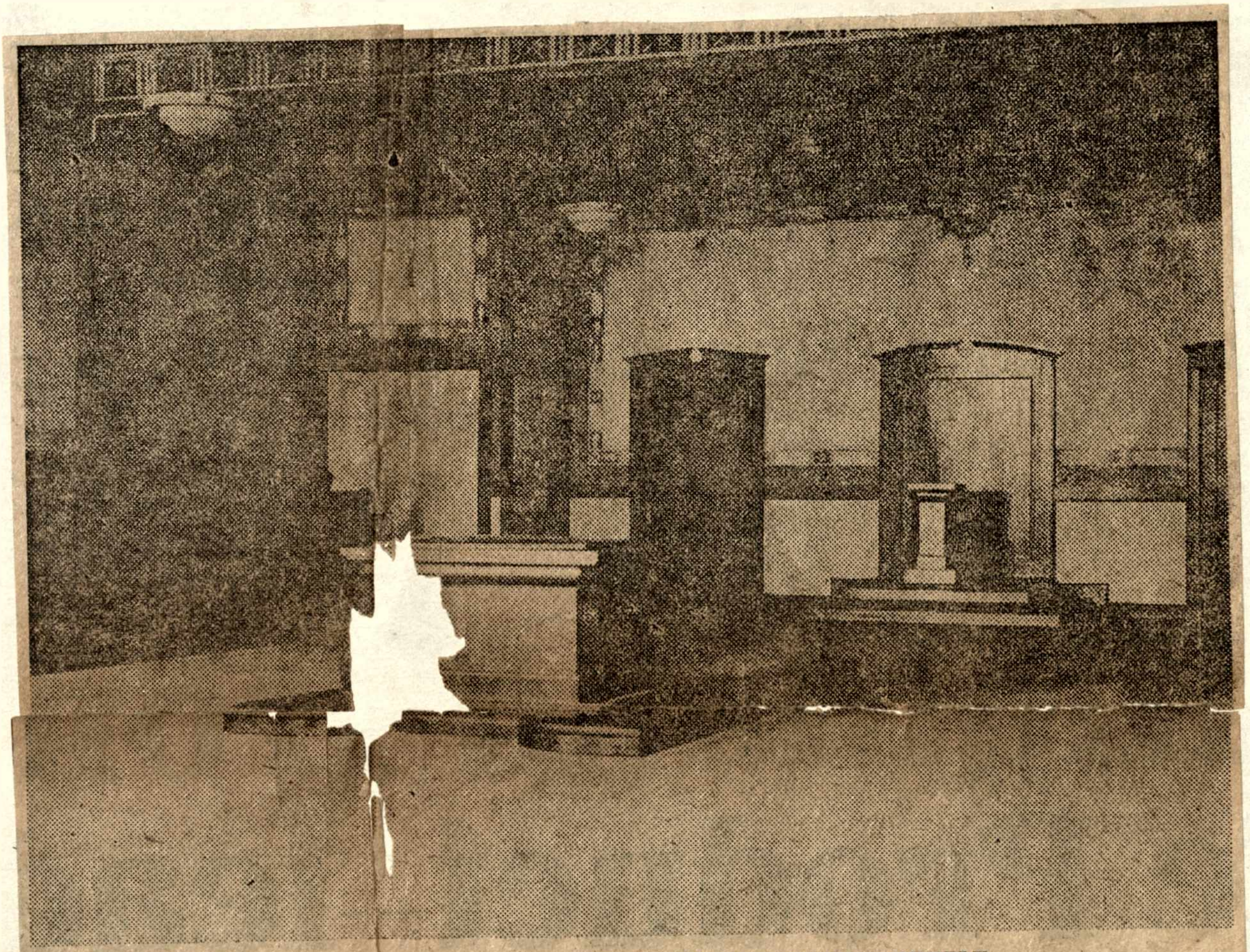
Officers of the commandery are William J. Stuebe, E. C.; William H Baugh, Gen.; Roy Parker, C. G.; Harry R. Harrison, S. W.; Clarence P. Sousley, J. W.; Conrad J. Herber, prelate; Omer O. Rhodes, treasurer; John C. Warren, recorder; C. Fred Boyer, standard bearer; Alvin R, Neyhouse, sword bearer; George W. Kruzan, warder; John S. Heppner, third guard; Burwell W. Sale, second guard; Alwert Balsley, first guard; John F. Graul, sentinel: David R. Daniel, temple director.

Terre Haute Masons have a relief and service bureau with Barney G. Brooks as vice president; Harry T. Schloss, treasurer, and Charles Harry Traquair, secretary. Other permanent members are Jonas Strouse, Elmer A. Martin, Frank Roderus and James A. Mitchell. The late Col. William Penn was president.

Terre Hauteans who have been honored with the thirty-third degree are John C. Warren and William A. Baugh. James M. Allen was promoted to this highest and honorary degree of Masonry but died before it could be conferred. George R. Farrington and John W. Cruft were thirty-third degree Masons at their death.



MAIN LODGE ROOM IN THE TERRE HAUTE MASONIC TEMPLE.

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At the end of its first thirty years of existence No. 19 had 73 members, notwithstanding the withdrawel of 23 members to go into Social lodge. And this position was continued for many years, until there were four lodges in Terre Haute, and then for years these outranked in number of affiliated Masons any other city in the state, not excepting Indianapolis with its some dozen lodges.

An incident which shows the standing of the members of the fraternity in the community is recalled in the funeral of Thomas Dowling, which was held December, 1876. Mr. Dowling come to Terre Haute from Washington in during the darkest days of Masonry. He was one of the leaders in the revival in 1845 and continued his activity from that time on. Past Master Richard W. Thompson officiated at his burial, fulfilling a request made shortly before his death.

The funeral was accompanied by a unique feature in the history of Terre Haute and Masonry. He was buried by the lodge, escorted by the commandery of Knights Templar and they escorted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, all of whom were Irish and most of whom were Catholics.

Such was the standing of Thomas Dowling. Terre Haute commandery, Knights Templar, was first named Dowling commandery in his honor. The name was changed in later years, with the full approval of Colonel Dowling, in response to the objection of naming a commandery after a living person.

High Offices Held.

A charter was granted Humboldt Lodge No. 42 on June 23, 1870, and to Euclid Lodge No. 573, May 25, 1886. Terre Haute Council No. 8, Royal and Select Masters, was chartered May 29, 1856, and Terre Haute commandery, Knights Templar, April 8, 1868. The history of all these has been one of excellent growth and nothing of extraordinary nature has occurred to mar the smoothness of their way such as was undergone by the first lodge, No. 19.

A number of Terre Hauteans have been honored by elevation to the highest place in the gift of Indiana Masons. The list of grand commanders of the grand commandery, Knights Templar, includes Charles Cruft, Alexander Thomas and William Perryman. That of illustrious grand masters of the grand council of royal and select masters, Alexander Thomas, Thomas B. Long and James K. Allen. Grand high priests of the grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, have been Alexander Thomas, Thomas B. Long, Robert Van Valzah, Charles Balch and M. H. Britton, and William H. Baugh is grand R. A. C. of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Robert Van Valzah and Thomas B. Long were past grand masters of the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Conrad J. Herber is grand master of the grand council, Royal and Select Masons, of the state.

When a dispensation for a new Masonic lodge is asked for a present day grand master will first ask what sort of quarters there will be for the sessions of the lodge. Masonic law nowadays prohibits Masonic work being done in a room in which any other work is carried on. But such requirements did not hold when Masonry was introduced into Terre Haute. The old English custom of holding sessions in public houses prevailed here during the first six years of No. 19's existence. The first meeting place was the home of Curtis Gilbert, where the county jail now stands. The second was the Eagle and Lion hotel, southwest corner Wabash and First. The third the tavern of Francis Cunningham, northwest corner Second and Wabash, and the fourth the Light Horse tavern, Third and Wabash.

Jan. 26, 1826, the county commissioners voted the use of the grand jury room to the Masons for one year, provided they put in a stove. This place was not used, however, as a room in Stephen Collett's house was the quarters for two years. The exact location of this house is not known. Another year was spent in the Francis Cunningham tavern, then the old woolen mill was "home" to Masons for awhile. It was where the water works office and the Rea residence now are located. From that time on rooms were rented here and there and it was not until 1848 that a permanent home was obtained. It was in the third story of the Ross building, 19 and 21 South Second street. To indicate that Masons were located there two pillars — "symbolic Masonic columns"—were erected on either side of the main entrance and these pillars still stand in the doorway of the place.

From here the lodge moved in 1865 to the building at 18-20 South Third. In the Ross building, however, Social lodge was organized and also Terre Haute Chapter No. 11, R. A. M.

Later Meeting Places.

In 1896 Masonic headquarters were moved to the McKeen block, where the Herz building now stands. Social lodge, however, had its own quarters in the Farrington block, Wabash and Third street, later moving int the building that was the opera house and remaining there until it burned, in 1896. Then it moved to 421-23½ Wabash, remaining there until 1905, when it joined the other lodges in their quarters. In 1906 Masonic headquarters were in the McKeen block, at Seventh and Wabash, and here they remained until the Eighth street temple was completed in July, 1917.

The first worshipful master of Social lodge was Dayton Topping; of Humboldt lodge, Philip Schloss; of Euclid lodge, Julius F. Roedel. The first high priest of Terre Haute chapter, R. A. M., was James T. Moffatt; the first illustrious master of the royal and select masters John Sayre, and the first eminent commander of Terre Haute commandery, Charles Cruft. John C. Warren is president of the past commanders' association, organized in 1911, and Charles Balch secretary.

Present officers of Terre Haute Lodge No. 19 are: Guy W. Rustamier, W. M.; John R. Hunter, S. W.; Daniel E. Miller, J. W.; Horace E. Tune, treasurer; Charles E. Scott, secretary; Richard P. Gillum, S. D.; Charles R. Roberts, J. D.; Winfield S. Strong, S. S.; F. Alwyn Schmidt, J. S.; William F. Gottschalk, tyler; Fred J. Longman, temple director.

Officers of Social lodge are: Ray McCammon, W. M.; Charles W. Allen, S. W.; Hayden D. Porter, J. W.; David K. Daniel, treasurer; Roscoe O. Pogue, secretary; Marvin E. Kohn, S. D.; Clarence P. Sousley, J. D.; Harvey A. Booker, S. S.; Merrill H. Dunham, J. S.; George A. Becherer, tyler; Arthur C. Boston, temple director; James A. Mitchell, chairman home committee; Clyde W. Andrews, Frederick C. Corban and Marvin E. Kohn, directors.

Humboldt lodge officers are: Morris D. Cohen, W. M.; William Kriescher, S. W.; Frank Roderus, J. W.; Christian W. Kern, treasurer; Julius W. Ahrens, secretary; Frank Fried, J. D.; Max Silberman, S. S.; Samuel Morgan, J. S.; Julius Hintermeister, tyler, and William C. Retz Sr., temple director.

Harry R. Harrison is worshipful master of Euclid lodge; Elmer Martin, S. W.; Christopher Woodrum, J. W.; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; R. W. Bonnett, secretary; William L. Smith, S. D.; Charles Whitesell, J. D.; William E. Otte, J. S.; James Mullis, tyler, and Jefferson V. Houpt, John R. Coffin and Charles H. Goodwin, trustees.

Royal Arch Chapter.

Officers of Terre Haute chapter, R. A. M., are: Arthur C. Boston, H. P.; Russell A. Myers, K.; John Roethel, S.; Melvin D. Mitchell, treasurer; Charles Balch, secretary; Arnold Hintermeister, C. of H.; Clarence P. Sousley, P. S.; John S. Henpner, R. A. C.; Hayden V. Porter, M. 3rd V.; Robert M. Crooks, M. 2nd V.; Walter T. Noble, M. 1st V.; Hans Hintermeister, guard; F. Alwyn Schmidt, temple director; W. K. Hamilton, Fred J. Longman and Roscoe O. Pogue, directors.

Royal and Select Masters have these officers: Russell A. Myers, I. M.; John Roethel, D. M.; Elmer A. Martin, P. C. W.; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; F. Alwyn Schmidt, recorder; Clarence P. Sousley, C. of C.; Arthur C. Boston, steward; Hans Hintermeister, sentinel; Conrad J. Herber, temple director; Arthur C. Boston, Hans Hintermeister and Melvin D. Mitchell, directors.

William K. Hamilton is director of the degree of Super-Excellent Master; Merit L. Laubach, lecturer, and Arnold Hintermeister, organist. Officers are Hans Hintermeister, T. I. M.; John Roethel, M. of Ex.; F. A.

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Early Days of Masonry Described in 1911 Book

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Over sixty years ago Edward Gilbert carefully researched and wrote a book entitled: NINETY YEARS OF MASONRY, TERRE HAUTE LODGE NO. 19. It was published by Moore-Langen Printing Company in 1911.

Mr. Gilbert used old record books of the lodge (now 155 years old!), the written minutes of their transactions, and rosters of the officers and members. On the wall of the lodge room at that time hung the original charter from the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

Masonic Lodge No. 19, chartered on July 12, 1819, antedated everything else here except the State of Indiana (1816) and the County of Vigo (1818). The first effort at establishing a church society came seven years later, but even that failed. It was not until 1834 that the first church was organized in Terre Haute which was to continue.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana was formed at Corydon on Dec. 3, 1817. The original petition for the local lodge was signed by Peter Benton Allen, John T. Chunn, Lucius H. Scott, Touissaint Dubois, James Hall, Andrew Brooks, Zebina C. Hovey, Demas Deming, Curtis Gilbert, Samuel McQuilkin, Robert Brasher, Thomas H. Clark and Elihu Hovey. This document was lost along with the official dispensation while they were the property of the Grand Lodge.

At the July 12 meeting, Bro. Elihu Stout, of Vincennes Lodge No. 1, presided and installed the officers. Curtis Gilbert was elected secretary and the minutes were written in his beautiful copperplate script. General Peter B. Allen became the first Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 19.

One month later, by-laws were adopted. At that time the order was known as "Free & Accepted Ancient York Masons." The words "Ancient York" were dropped from the name many years later. The charter was received Oct. 23, 1821.

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At the meeting of Dec. 29, 1820, two vis- There was no formal meeting on record from August, 1819, until Sept. 20, 1820. itors from Vincennes, Elihu Stout and Henry Ruble, installed the officers and inspected the ritualistic work. There was a banner at Bro. Harrison's tavern, the "Eagle & Lion" at the southeast corner of Wabash and First streets, where 24 sat for supper. In March, 1821, the lodge entertained John Tipton, then Grand Master and later U.S. Senator from Indiana.

These suppers were furnished at the moderate price of 25 cents per, and "other refreshments" at corresponding rates. The menu consisted mainly of meat and drink. Wild turkey, venison and bear meat were plentiful, while vegetables were usually corn, beans and cabbage. Salads were rare, and bread was often of corn. Beer was not then made here, and seldom heard of, grapes were few and used only as fruit, all wines were imported. Whiskey was the common beverage. Bread, cheese, fried cakes* and whiskey with an occasional bottle of imported brandy, are the only items mentioned in the old records.

Masonry had been actively at work in Indiana Territory many years before Lodge No. 19 was formed. Many of the officers and soldiers of Gen.

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Dorothy Clark

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Harrison's little army which marched up the Wabash Valley in the Fall of 1811, stopped here to build Fort Harrison, and on to the battlefield of Tippecanoe were known to be Masons. Major Joseph Hamilton Daviess (for whom Daviess County is named) who came as a volunteer on that expedition and lost his life while fighting beside General Harrison at Tippecanoe, was at the time the Grand Master of Kentucky. Col. John T. Chunn, for a long time commandant at Fort Harrison and a valiant army officer, was among the signers of the petition of Lodge No. 19. Major Robert Sturges, later a commandant of the fort, was named as the first Junior Warden in 19's charter.

Tadition has it that the Masons who lost their lives at the battle were buried with Masonic honors by the regularly formed army lodge in the expedition and that they continued to meet and work while the garrison remained at Fort Harrison.

The records show that Samuel B. Lee was the first man to become a Master Mason under the charter of No. 19. On Mar. 7, 1822, Francis Cunningham first appeared in the records. He had moved to Terre Haute from Vincennes and opened a tavern on the northwest corner of First and Wabash which became for several years the headquarters and meeting place of the

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The first Masonic funeral here was that of Bro. Lewis Hodge on June 23, 1822. On the next day was the funeral of Bro. Andrew Brooks. Members wore crepe on their left arms for a period of thirty days. It is not known whether these men were buried on the square now bounded by Ohio and Wabash and Sixth street on the west. This had been the common burying ground for several years. However, about this time the burying ground on the river (Old Indian Orchard) came into use by the townspeople. Those were sickly times. Few were fully well, and it is said that more of them died than there were new accessions to local population. It was before any start had been made to drain the great swamp on the east side of town. July, August and September were the "fever 'n ag'er" season.

The history of Masonic Lodge No. 19 will continue next week along with a detailed description of the present Masonic Temple when it was built. As early as 1827 the local Masons started talking and planning about their own meeting place, but none of them realized it would take so many years to become a reality.

lodge. Members paid 25 cents each time they attended a lodge meeting. The landlord's bill for one meeting included: "one quart rum, $1.50; three quarts whiskey, $1.50; bread, butter and cheese, $1.25; and thirteen suppers, $3.20. It was customary to add a charge for the room and candles. There was a legend that the extent of each evening's entertainment depended on the amount of evening dues collected. No one seemed to know where the money was coming from before it was spent. As a result one landlord accumulated a bill for nearly forty dollars in about sixteen months for the use of the rooms, candles, refreshments, etc. This bill caused a good deal of trouble and there is no record it was ever paid.

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Curtis Gilbert, a charter member of the Lodge No. 19 F.& A.M. was invited to address the Lodge on its 50th Anniversary but was not well enough to do so, but sent the following:-

Terre Haute, Oct. 3, 1870.

Lyndon A. Smith, Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have received through you the kind invitation of the Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, to be present at the celebration of its 50th Anniversary on the 6th inst., and to furnish some reminiscences of those friends of my earlier days who have gone before us, and incidents of early life in this place.

Cheerfully would I comply with your kind wishes were I conscious of my ability to communicate anything interesting or valuable. But few of us are inclined to chronicle for future use the events and incidents of the present, as nature seems to have decreed oblivion to the past.

The marching of the army to the Upper Wabash, the battle of Tippecanoe and the establishment of Fort Harrison seemed to impress the West with the importance of this region of country and soon after the close of the war of 1812 public attention was drawn here. The Indians of the Wabash, who had been mainly hostile during the war, were far from being reconciled to peace, and the surveys of the lands here were not only opposed by them but frequently interrupted, and in the spring of 1815 a company of Rangers on Busserom Creek was defeated and dispersed by them and some children taken prisoners who were never recovered.

At the close of the war in 1814 an act was passed by Congress granting lands to certain Canadian Volunteers who had been citizens of the United States, but who had, during the war, joined our forces, and whose property in Canada therefore had been confiscated. This act permitted those lands to be located in this Land District even before the public sale. This sale was advertised to take place in June 1816, and in anticipation of it, many settlers in the early spring of that year had resorted here and selected favorite spots with the view of purchasing at the sale, and several had erected log houses thereon, but previous to the sale, their lands so selected, together with a large proportion of the most valuable lands of the District, were located by these claims. This so disheartened and discouraged the early settlers that many left and located themselves on the eastern border of the Grand Prairie of Illinois. This, together with the unconciliatory bearing of many of the prominent Canadian settlers, engendered such hostile feelings that for years it seemed impossible to allay it, and which tended much to retard the settlement of the country.

On my arrival at Fort Harrison on the 20th of December, 1815, the fort was garrisoned by a Rifle Regiment under the command of Major Willoughby Morgan who was then rebuilding the Fort.

In the spring following - 1816 - this regiment was ordered West and the garrison succeeded by a company from Fort Knox under the command of Major John T. Chunn, who continued togarrison it until the summer of 1817, when he was ordered to Detroit and the Post discontinued.

The settlers at the fort at the time of my arrival were Isaac Lambert, John Dickson, Joseph Dickson, and John Handy; these were then the only reputed settlers north of Turman's Creek of Fort Turman, as it was then called. The Indian traders at the Fort were, at the time, John A. Lafonde, John Rolland, A. Dashney, and Pierre LaPlant, Mitchell Broullet, Interpretor and Sub-Agent , and Andrew Brooks armorer for the Indians.

The earliest settlers around Fort Harrison Prairie, were Mr.Lane at Strawberry Hill, Remember Blackman, Thos. Pucket and some others at the ravine near Hiram Smith's place; one Hustin, at the Hill now occupied by Joseph Gilbert, John M. Colman at the Early Grove, Capt. John Hamilton, at the old Dawson place, Peter Allen, two miles east of the Fort; Caleb Crawford, Robert Graham and Solomon Tevorbaugh at Otter Creek; Alexander Chamberlin and Elisha W. Brown on the Bluff north of the Honey Creek Locks, Isaac Lambert, John Dickson, George Clem, Moses Hoggatt, Robert Hopkins, William Walker, at Honey Creek and Ezra Jones at the Wallace farm.

In the fall of 1816 the then town of Terre Haute was laid out, the first sale of lots took place on the 31st of October, of that year and settlement immediately thereafter commenced.

Dr. Charles B. Modesitt who had then lately came on from Virginia and who then resided near me at the Fort, I think was the first to strike at Terre Haute. He built a log cabin on the Alley on Lot No. 257 at the mouth of the Ohio St.

Next, or soon thereafter, followed Lewis Hodge, Robert I. McCabe, John Bailey, Adam Weaver, Nicholas Yeager, Samuel McQuilkin, Henry Redford, John Harris, Macom McFadden, William Haynes, Richard Jacques, Robert Brasher, Nathan Kirk, Robert Kerr, Gideon Slupes, Ichabod Wood, John Britton and Lucius H.Scott, and soon after in 1818, Dr. Alizar Aspinwall, Dr. Davenport, Lewis B. Lawrence, Demas Deming and Chauncy Rose, who had been at the Fort the year previous. These persons, with perhaps the exception of two, have all been called hence.

The second sale of lots took place in May, 1818. It was made by the County, of lots donated by the original proprietors on account of the Seat of Justice being established here. The sale compared favorably as to prices, with the former sale, but something lower; but from this period the value of lots began to decline and in 1821 when a final sale of the company's property took place, it declined more than fifty percent and had severely affected those who had made large purchases.

In 1820 the river became remarkably low, the wells were all dried up, and general sickness prevailed, and I think not a family escaped. Many deaths also occured and many among our most prominent citizens, Dr. Aspunwall, Dr.Davenport, Lewis B.Lawrence, a prominent young lawyer from the East, Samuel Hill, a hotel keeper, Miss Collett, sister of the elder Colletts at Vermillion and Mrs.Hussey.

This seemed to strike a fatal blow to the health of our town which continued for years and from which it did not fully recover until after the draining of Lost Creek in 1837. This creek, previous to its draining, had washed down the prairie east and south of the city, creating an immense morass of several hundred acres, without any outlet except by absorption and evaporation.

At the early stage of our settlement here, the requisitions of our benevolent order of Masonry were often needed and as often cheerfully accorded.

Previous to the organization of Fort Harrison Lodge, a few of the Craft would occasionally meet at appropriate places and then exercise and renew the rights of the order, and on one occasion I recollect of meeting two or three members in a field of Wheat.

At the first organization of our lodge, I think the members consisted of General Peter Allen, Lieut. Robert Sturgess from the Fort, John Britton, Samuel McQuilkin, Lucius H. Scott, Elihu Horey, Tebena

C. Hovey, Jacob Burnap, Robert Brasher, Demas Deming, Thos. H. Blake, Andrew Brooks, and others whom I do not now recollect. These now perhaps with one single exception have all been called hence to the Great Grand Lodge; but while they journied here, I amn convinced that a kindly feeling existed, and whether we met in our daily avocations or in conclave, our meetings were on the level and on the square. After the Morgan Raid against Masonry, the meetings of our Lodge were less frequent and for a time nearly discontinued, and since then I have seldom visited a lodge except on some funeral occasions.

For several years past, admonished by ill health and declining years, I have sought quiet in retiring from the active scenes of life, but cherishing as I do, the warmest sympathy for your benevolent order, I trust I shall be excused from meeting with you on this interesting occasion.

Very respectfully,

Curtis Gilbert.

When Terre Haute Was Young; Early Fraternal Organizations

12-25-1932
Lodges

SOME PIONEER NAMES CONNECTED WITH THE FIRST LODGES IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY.

By A. R. Markle.

Ninety-two.

THE MASONIC LODGE.

AMONG the earliest organizations of the pioneer days which has endured through more than a century of the existence of Terre Haute is Terre Haute lodge No. 19 of the Masons.

True, it is not as old as the State of Indiana, formed in 1816, nor Terre Haute, laid out in lots and partly occupied even earlier in the same year, nor yet Vigo county, organized in 1818, but as a corporate body, Terre Haute did not exist for many years after the first sale of lots and only state and the county take precedence over the lodge as self governing bodies with a constitution and by laws governing the rights and duties of the members.

It is claimed by the Methodists that they held services at Fort Harrison before Terre Haute was born, and it is certain that the Catholic missionary held services here even earlier but as against that claim for precedence, the Masons held services at the fort when Harrison was on his way to Tippecanoe and their burial service was read over those victims of the prophet who fell on that battle field.

Some Early Tradition.

History is distinguished from tradition by written documents which corroborate statements made for or against certain facts and the original minute book of old No. 19, is still in existence to prove a continuous life of over 113 years.

Curtis Gilbert once said that "meetings were held around the fire in my office, in the evenings, to plan the organization."

Many of the younger set of men who helped to build the town and county boarded at the old "Eagle and Lion Tavern, built soon after the first sale of lots in October, 1816, and later owned and managed by Robert Harrison.

This was a two-story log building situated on the southeast corner of First and Wabash and a prominent place of entertainment in those days.

Here was celebrated the first of those "Glorious Fourths" in 1817 soon after the completion of the tavern and here met, eight months later the second day's session of the Circuit Court of Vigo, adjourned from the first day when they met as provided by the act that established Vigo county "at the house of Truman Blackman on Fort Harrison Prairie."

The old creaking sign board bore that popular device of the day, a bold and unterrified Eagle picking out the eyes of the British lion, for there were among our own people many of those who had taken their part in the creation of an independent nation through the war of the revolution and many more of those younger men who had only recently been engaged in what they termed "the second war for independence."

Early Grand Lodge.

The inception of the movement was undoubtedly in the office of Curtis Gilbert, a large two-story frame house that stood at the northeast corner of Water and Ohio streets from which it was removed to make way for the present county jail.

The grand lodge of Indiana had been formed at Corydon on the third day of December, 1817, and acquired jurisdiction over the lodges in the young state of Indiana that had been chartered by the grand lodge of Kentucky some years earlier.

Vincennes as the oldest lodge in the territory which had become the state, became number one in the new grand lodge, the others being given new numbers somewhat in the order of their seniority so that when Terre Haute lodge made application for a dispensation under date of March 10, 1819, the petition and necessary payment being forwarded by Lucius H. Scott to Elihu Stout at Vincennes on that day, it gave precedence to others.

Vincennes being the nearest lodge in the state and many of our people being acquainted there as former citizens or as sojourners there on their way to Terre Haute, the petition was sent to Stout as past master and by him forwarded to the grand master for approval by the grand lodge.

The dispensation being granted, Stout came on from Vincennes and on the 12th of July, 1819, officers were elected and installed in a room in the second story of the Eagle and Lion.

There were present on that occasion beside Elihu Stout, Peter B. Allen, John T. Chunn, Curtis Gilbert, Elihu Hovey, his brother Zebina C. Hovey, John Gough, Robert Sturges, Robert Brasher, Eleazar Aspinwall, Thomas H. Clark, Samuel McQuilkin, Andrew Brooks, Jacob Barnup, Joseph A. Norton, Asia Hawley, William Woodward, John Britton and Luther Franklin.

Most of these men were young, probably the youngest being Gilbert who was 27, Stout himself was but 37 and Peter B. Allen, the first master of the lodge was but 53, an old man and suited for the office which he was to hold.

Gough and Aspinwall were members of that Canadian detachment under Willcocks who was succeeded at his death by Major Markle and had come here to take up lands under the act of Congress sponsored by the latter.

Centered At The Fort.

Brooks and Gilbert had been among the earliest comers having been partners in a mercantile venture at the fort where Major Chunn had been and was then in command, though later succeeded by Sturges. Aspinwall died soon after, his will being proved in late 1820 and it is probable that his was the first burial service held by the lodge here, although there does not seem to be any record in the minutes of such a service.

John Britton was only 27 years old but destined to live out a long and active life in the service of Terre Haute.

It is uncertain whether McQuilkin had at this time opened the tavern at the northeast corner of Third and Wabash where he kept for so long the "Lighthorse Harry" tavern after the famous soldier of revolutionary days. He it was who used the proceeds of the sale of the house in later years to lay out the town of McQuilkinsville, shortened soon after to Macksville and later named West Terre Haute.

Britton as elected treasurer. Gilbert, secretary; McQuilkin and Zebina Hovey, deacons; Brooks, steward, and Brasher, tyler.

At the following meeting held on Aug. 12, Peter Ollen appears as grand master, Elihu Hovey, as senior warden, and Samuel McQuilkin, as senior deacon.

A report of the lodge for 1820 adds to the above names, that of Caleb Crawford as a Master Mason and gives the names of George

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Kirkpatrick and James C. Bradbury as entered apprentices with the date of their initiation as Sept. 30.

Some Pioneer Names.

In 1821 the names of Thomas H. Blake, Lemuel C. Curtis, Josephus Collett, Lewis Hodge, Gersham Tuttle, Elisha Parsons, Demas Deming, John Durkee, Jeremiah Rapplye and Herman Nelson appear as Master Masons and the initiation of J. D. G. McDonald, Robert Harrison, Macom McFadden, Elijah Depauw and Samuel B. Lee is reported as having occurred during the year past. Issac C. Elston is given as passed and raised but does not anywhere appear as an apprentice so that he may have been initiated elsewhere or at a meeting during the previous year and his name not entered in that year's business.

Of these whose names appear for the first time in Masonry, Blake, Collett, Parsons, Deming, Durkee, McFadden and Elston were destined to have much to do with the interests of Terre Haute and Vigo while Harrison was the landlord at the time of the Eagle and Lion where the lodge met.

During this year Grand Master John Tipton, later senator from our state, visited the lodge and there was abundant entertainment furnished, both meat and drink. It was Tipton who as a scout with Harrison made the note that they "came to Tar holt" of an October day. Less than ten years had elapsed since Tippecanoe and from the squalid Indian village where Harrison's men "tore down the huts," a town had emerged with all the furnishings of civilization including whisky, wine and brandy.

A little later in the same year the names of James Hall, Francis Cunningham, Eli Harris and Eliphalet Shattuck appear as among those present at a meeting and at the last meeting of the year the name of Daniel Shawwis signed as secretary. He had been a member of Vincennes Lodge No. One.

Silas Hoskins was passed at this meeting but there is no entry of his initiation.

John Cruft Honored.

In January, 1822, John F. Cruft was elected a member and became a Master Mason the following month. Cruft had done much of the clerical work of the lodge at an earlier date as is shown by a bill he had presented for copying the records in the amount of $15.00, a considerable sum in those days. He was a deputy in the office of Curtis Gilbert, auditor, recorder and clerk of the court.

About this time Francis Cunningham took over the management of the Eagle and Lion and having moved here from Vincennes, became a member of the local lodge. Whether his coming had any influence over the social activities of the lodge or not the quality and perhaps the quantity of the refreshments seemed to improve at this time for there is a record of his charge for "One quart of rum, $1.50; three quarts of whisky, $1.50; bread, butter and cheese, $1.25 and thirteen suppers, $3.25."

June 23, 1822, the lodge met to conduct the first funeral of which there is a record, that of Lewis Hodge and on the day following, that of Andrew Brooks. The former had been a builder in those early days and the latter, one time partner of Curtis Gilbert, had been elected the first treasurer of the county and had helped Gilbert build the first frame house in Terre Haute, that which stood on the present jail lot.

In March, 1823, Adolph Hill appears from New York and although only an entered apprentice and remained as such for three years, becoming a Master Mason in 1826 and upon moving from Terre Haute a year later, dimitted and disappears from the record.

In July, William Clark, a surgeon in the army asked for a dimit and it was granted, although there seems to be no record of his admission to the lodge.

Elijah Tillotson became a member about this time, probably from Vincennes, although he was an eastern man and he later became the first mayor of the town of Terre Haute.

At the December meeting the name of Z. D. Flagler first appears, he being elected steward for the ensuing six months.

In June, 1824, William Clark, who had dimitted almost a year earlier, is given as junior warden, pro tem and J. W. Osborn as tyler pro tem.

Osborn had been born in Canada and had been one of that courageous band who defied the king and his officers some years before the outbreak of the war of 1812, had been associated with Joseph Willcocks as publisher of a newspaper at York with the resounding title of "Upper Canada Guardian and Freeman's Journal."

Crossed the Border.

Escaping from Canada in 1814 he crossed the boundary to enlist with Willcocks in the Canadian Volunteers and later at Vincennes was publisher of a newspaper and from there came to Terre Haute to establish the first paper in this place in 1823.

In September of 1825 the name of Michael Patton first appears as present at a meeting held that day and he later is mentioned as a junior warden and at this meeting John Beard, Joseph Hopkins and John Porter were in attendance.

In December, 1824, Henry Allen, a son of Peter B. Allen, the first master of the lodge was admitted and two months later his brother Ira also became a member of the lodge, the first instances of the coming of the later generation.

A year later the lodge appointed a committee to place partitions in the unfinished court house under an arrangement with the commissioners who it would seem were unable to complete the building themselves and made this deal with the lodge.

March 26, 1826, the lodge learned of the death of Major Markle on Otter creek, met and made arrangements for the funeral, adjourned to the home and having procured a suitable room there, met and proceeded with the last rites according to ritual and having returned from the cemetery to the house, formally "called off", returned to the lodge room in Terre Haute and closed in due form.

When and where Major Markle was raised to a master Mason is not known but the lodge has in its archives, the parchment certificate of Niagara lodge from which he demitted after being passed to the Fellowcraft degree.

St. John's day, 1827, was an occasion of much importance, the lodge opening and the members marching to the courthouse to listen to an oration by Amory Kinney and then to the house of Israel Harris, (spoken of in the minutes as "Brother Harris", the first intimation of his membership) where they partook of a banquet that must have been a notable one. Harris died, Jan. 16, 1829, and was buried by the lodge "in Masonic form."

In that same week Reuben Christy, John Davy, Ransom Miller, Joseph East and Wm. R. Tribble appear as officers of the lodge when the district master visited the brethren in Terre Haute.

This completed the records of those first few years in which the lodge was getting on its feet, preparing for the growth of the century since passed.

More About Early Masons And Building of Temple

Lodges (T.H.)

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

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Last week's column dealt with the early beginnings of Masonry here in Terre Haute as researched and written by Edward Gilbert in 1911 concerning the beginnings of Terre Haute Lodge No. 19, chartered in 1819.

In June, 1823 Curtis Gilbert withdrew from the lodge after five years membership. He was planning his first visit back to his home in Connecticut after ten years. After his return, ill health and business responsibilities occupied his time and he never affiliated with the lodge again.

Francis Cunningham left the lodge the following December. Army officer Adolph Hill moved away from Terre Haute in 1827. Charter member Zebina C. Hovey left the lodge in 1823 and moved to Iowa. He and his brother Elihu, who had died, were contractors for the building of the Vigo County Courthouse. John Foster Cruft and William Clark, army surgeon, both left Terre Haute and resigned from No. 19.

In 1823 Ransom Miller and Elijah Tillotson became members. There was a general depression about this time and money was scarce. Dues were only 25 cents a meeting, but Masonry was not an essential thing in this small community where the necessities of life were so hard to obtain. Many dues remained unpaid, attendance fell off and the lodge became inactive. Sickness and hard times pervaded the Wabash Valley. Then, too, there were jealousies, personal, social and business, as today. Drinking in the ante-room had much to do with discrediting Masonry as an institution, not just in this area, but in the entire state of Indiana. Temperance became a real issue in Masonry.

Robert Sturges was running a mill at Carlisle, in Sullivan county. Many lived in the country and roads were deplorable. To get to the corner of Second and Wabash in the dark through unlighted streets after a hard day's work was no small effort. In 1825 Lodge No. 19 had 18 members. In 1827 they bought a dozen Windsor chairs for $18 from Davy & East, local cabinetmakers.

DOROTHY CLARK

The anti-Masonic craze of 1826-1840 is part of almost forgotten history. There have always been those who were opposed to secret societies. From Dec., 1830, there was only one applicant for membership. No. 19 ceased to meet because Masons did not attend. Logdes died all over the country. According to the first census of Terre Haute in 1829, there were 329 males of all ages. Nineteen of these were member of No. 19. In 1835, there were 444 males, over ten years of age, and there were still ten faithful members of No. 19.

Revival came about in 1845 with Elijajh Tillotson as Master. After six months James S. Freeman was elected and by the end of 1848 they had moved to new and larger lodge rooms in the third floor of the Ross building on the west wide of the public square at No. 19-21 South Second street.

In 1849 Social Lodge No 86 came into existence. Its petitioners were: Dayton Topping, Thomas L. Marshall, William K. Edwards, Thomas N. Burton, F. Canine, P. L. Hawley, Jonathan M. Hager, S. J. Melvin, Macom McFad-

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den, L. I. Pool, Thos. P. Murray and William J. Ball.

From the beginning of Masonry in Terre Haute in 1819, various building plans were made but never materialized until 1910 when W. C. Clark, WM of No. 19, appointed a committee consisting of W. B. Hice, chairman, R. W. VanValzah, F. J. Longman, A. J. Miller and H. A. Pritchett. This committee submitted a plan on Aug. 18, 1910 which was finally adopted by all the lodges.

The plan provided for the election of a representation from each body with authority to form a Temple Association whose capital stock should be $14,000 equally divided between the seven stock holding bodies. These bodies agreed to loan the remaining funds necessary to complete the Temple at 3 per cent interest per annum. The Temple Association was to issue first mortgage bonds as security for the money loaned.

The Terre Haute Masonic Temple Association was organized Aug. 29, 1911. Named as directors were: W. C. clark, PM, Terre Haute Lodge No. 19; J. N. Hickman, PM, Social Lodge No. 86; W. C. Retz Sr., PM, Humboldt Lodge No. 42; W. K. Hamilton, PM, Euclid Lodge No. 573; J. S. Jordan, PM, Terre Haute Chapter No. 11; C. J. Herber, PM, Terre Haute Council No. 8; and J. G. Heinl, Terre Haute Commandery No. 16.

The Association was incorporated (under special Indiana Statute) for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a building for the use and convenience of association Masonic bodies of the City of Terre Haute, and a charter was granted dated Oct. 11, 1911 and Aug. 9, 1912.

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The contract for the building, including heating, lighting and plumbing, was awarded to A. W. Stoolman of Champaign, Ill., for the sum of $93,556. Ground was broken Nov 17, 1915. C. E. Farrington turned the first sod, and the cornerstone was laid May 25, 1916.

The first or public floor of the Temple is reached by seven steps leading up from the portico through the vestibule to the main lobby or reception hall, which is 42 by 27 feet. On the left in front was the mens lounging room, 20 feet by 37 feet, back of which is the main parlor, 34 feet by 37 feet. Opening off this room, at the rear, were the secretary's office, gentlemen's coat room and the rest room. On the right of the reception hall and extending back to the kitchen in the rear is the banquet hall and auditorium accommodating 350 to 500 seated diners. At the left of the grand staircase at the rear of the reception room were the ladies rest rooms; to the right, the elevators, the reception hall, and the vestibule have tile floors and marble wainscot. On the second floor are lodge rooms. On the third floor was Commandery quarters, lounging rooms and chapter and council rooms.

On the fourth floor was a mezzanine extending over all the floor below except the commandery and chapter rooms which have 18 foot ceilings. A balcony overlooks the commandery room where space was provided for installation of a pipe organ. The armory, 53 feet by 28 feet, was lighted from above by sky lights.

The basement contained boiler and machinery rooms, vault and storage rooms. The front portion was left unfinished. The building was described as strictly fireproof, concrete foundation, reinforced concrete floors and roof, tile partitions, steel columns and girders.

Exterior walls were grey mat brick faced with Bedford buff stone. The building was 80 feet by 110 feet, and approximately 63 feet high. Interior trim was clear red oak, except those rooms that had marble wainscot and tile floors. The main stair treads were of marble.

The completed Temple represented expenditures of approximately $138,000. The building site, including the first year's taxes, sodding, etc. came to $20,000. The actual building including plumbing, heating, electric lights, architect's and superintendent's fees amounted to $100,000. Interior decoration, electric fixtures, furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, totaled $18,000.

Terre Haute Chapter No. 43, Order of Eastern Star, rented quarters there. In connection with the Areme Club, they furnished funds for the purchase of furnishings of the first floor social rooms and kitchen. The painting and frescoeing was done by Williams-Ferguson Paint & Decorating Company. Freitag & Weinhardt & Company had the contract for the plumbing, steam-heating, fan work for ventilation, and stationary vacuum cleaning system. The marble and tile work was done by an Indianapolis firm.

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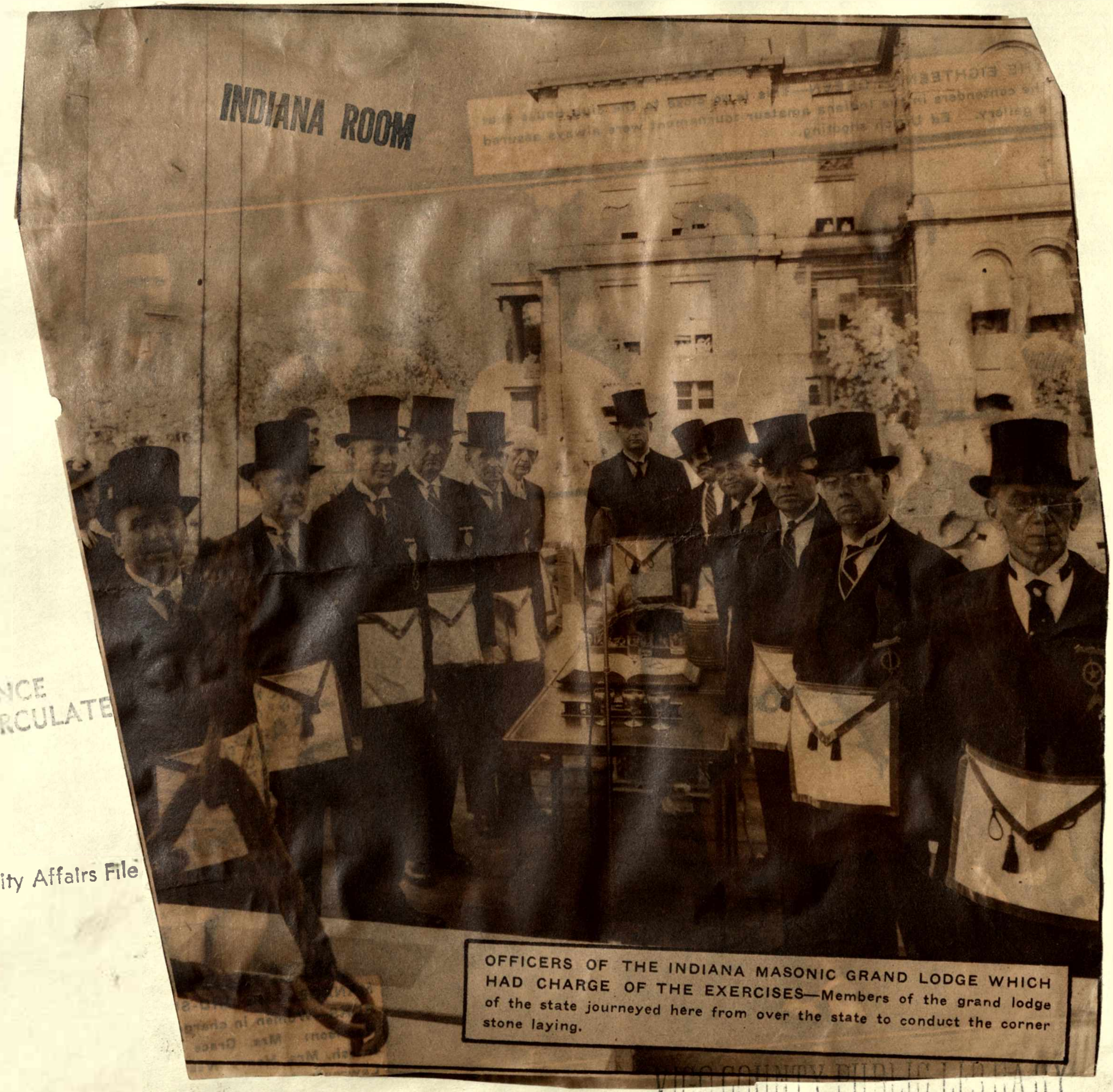

OFFICERS OF THE INDIANA MASONIC GRAND LODGE WHICH HAD CHARGE OF THE EXERCISES—Members of the grand lodge of the state journeyed here from over the state to conduct the corner stone laying.

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DEPORTS ENEM

Lodges ([illegible]) Masons

MASONS READY TO OPEN DOORS OF NEW HOME

Week's Dedication Ceremonies to Start Tomorrow With Grand Lodge Meeting, Parade and Reception.

SPECIAL EVENTS EACH NIGHT DURING WEEK ARE ARRANGED

Members of All Lodges in City to Celebrate Achievement of Aim Since Foundation of Masonry Here.

The week of entertainment and work incident to the dedication of the magnificent new home of the Masonic bodies will be ushered in tomorrow night at 8 o'clock when the Masons of all lodges and their families will attend a reception and inspect the temple. The following opening program will be given:

Vocal solo, "The Awakening of Spring" .... Charles G. Spross
Saleta Beatrice Thompson.
Reading, "The Fleet Goes By" .....
.... Dramatic
Mary Yost.
Vocal solo, "Mother 'O Mine" .....
.... Frank Tours
"The Trumpeter" .... Arlie Dix
Siegfried Philip.
Instrumental, selected, harp and violin, "To a Wild Rose" ......MacDowell
Miss Marie Hazelrigg and Donald Scott

The celebration of the opening of the building will continue throughout the week, various lodges having charge of the entertainment on different evenings.

The opening of the building marks the realization of an endeavor which has been the aim of the members of the fraternity ever since the foundation of Masonry in Terre Haute. The Terre Haute Masonic Temple association was organized Aug. 29, 1911, and the following were elected as directors, to represent the various bodies: W. C. Clark, P. M., Terre Haute lodge No. 19; J. N. Hickman, P. M., Social lodge No. 86; W. C. Retz, Sr., P. M., Humboldt lodge No. 42; W. K. Hamilton, P. M., Euclid lodge No. 573; J. S. Jordan, P. M., Terre Haute chapter No. 11; C. J. Herber, P. M., Terre Haute council, No. 8; J. G. Heinl, Terre Haute commandry No. 16.

The lots on which the building is located, 212 and 220 North Eighth street, were purchased from W. W. Parsons and J. A. Elder on Aug. 9, 1912, for a sum of $19,500. The property has a frontage of 150 feet. The erection of the interior decoration and fixtures the building cost about $160,000 and about $18,800, making the total expenditure about $188,800.

The building is strictly fireproof, and consists of four floors and a basement. Its exterior dimensions are 80 by 110 feet. On the first floor is the main reception hall, the banquet hall, the men's lounging room and the ladies' rest

WEATHER

WARMER FAIR RAIN COOLER

TEMPERATURE RECORD, JULY 7.

6 a. m.	69	3 p. m.	88
9 a. m.	82	6 p. m.	81
Noon	88	7 p. m.	78

River stage—3.1 feet.

LOCAL CONDITIONS AT 7 P. M., JULY 7, 1917.

Station pressure, 29.32; temperature, 78; highest temperature Saturday, 88; precipitation, 0; direction of wind, north; velocity of wind, seventeen miles per hour; state of weather, clear; relative humidity, 59 per cent; sunrise, 4:31 a. m.; sunset, 7:20 p. m.

FORECAST

TERRE HAUTE—Fair Sunday and Monday, warmer.

INDIANA—Fair Sunday and Monday; slightly warmer Sunday in northern and central portions.

ILLINOIS—Unsettled, but generally fair Sunday and Monday; warmer Sunday.

RIOTS FOLLOW GERMAN RAID OVER ENGLAND

People Take Into Own Hands Retaliation for Slaughter in Latest Aerial Attack.

SHOPS WITH GERMAN NAMES DEMOLISHED BY ANGRY MOBS

People Everywhere Demand Reprisals for Raid Which Killed and Wounded Many Women and Children.

LONDON, July 7.—Rioting broke out in the east end of London tonight when the people took into their own hands, retaliation for the bloody raid made over the city today by German aeroplanes.

With 37 men, women and children dead and 141 injured as the result of the German air piracy, the temper of the people was at fever heat. Great crowds, mostly women, paraded the streets of London Fields, in the Hackney district of the east end, attacking shops bearing German names.

The fronts of these shops were demolished by the infuriated crowds. Included in the crowds were men and women whose children had been maimed or killed by the German bombs.

At two places the furniture was dragged from the shops after the doors had been burst in, piled high in the street and burned. Police reserves summoned to the scene partially quelled the disturbance but attacks continued even after they had arrived.

Many Children Suffer.

Germany's raid over London today, made with twenty aeroplanes early to-

SENATE VOTES TO SEIZE ALL BOND LIQUORS

Writes Prohi Section Into Food Bill Also Forbidding Use of Grains In Manufacturing.

MEASURE DIFFERS WIDELY FROM THAT PASSING HOUSE

Means Further Fight When Conference Report Finally Comes Up for Approval In Two Branches of Congress.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Out of a whirlpool of amendments that involved the senate in one of the biggest legislative mixups of its history, the prohibition section of the food bill was steered to dry land late today.

The senate perfected and adopted a prohibition section forbidding use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of distilled liquors, but permitting manufacture of light wine and beer. Besides this the amendment forbids the importation of liquor, directs the president to seize all liquor in bond—200,000,000 or 300,000,000 gallons—and to pay distillers the cost price plus a profit of not more than ten per cent, and suspends the tax on distilled liquor that will be seized under the act. The senate's action means the death of whisky during the war.

Houses Widely Apart.

It leaves senate and house diametrically opposed on the prohibition section. The senate sanctioned the use of wine and beer, the house specifically forbade it.

This means also a further fight when the conference report finally comes up for approval in senate and house.

Threats late today of cloture by Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, further involved an already complicated problem. Chamberlain submitted, at the end of a day of trouble and of conflicting action, a request for unanimous consent to limit debate on amendments to the measure and to vote on the bill at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Senator Wadsworth, New York, promptly objected.

"There will be hundreds of amendments," he said, "and time must be allowed for their consideration."

Cloture Threatened.

Chamberlain drew a cloture petition from his pocket and sent it to the clerk's desk. This would have been

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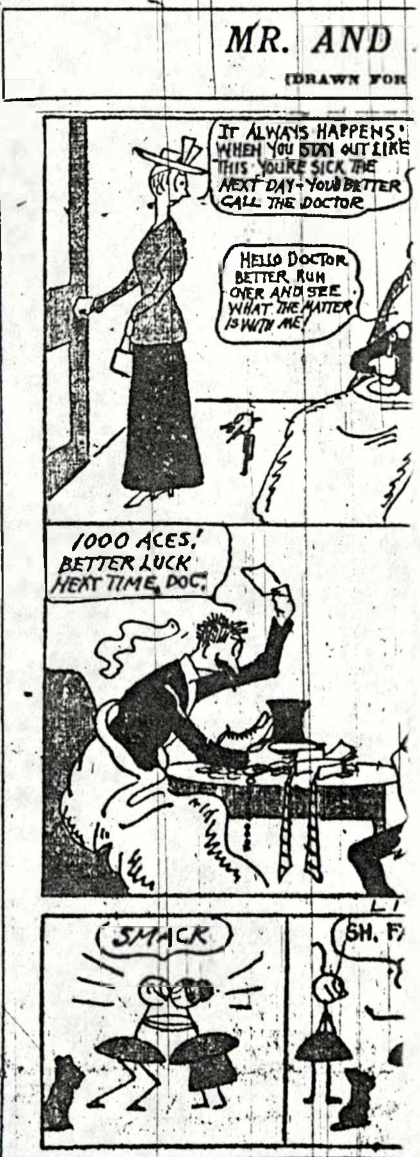
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IT ALWAYS HAPPENS: WHEN YOU STAY OUT LIKE THIS YOU'RE SICK THE NEXT DAY - YOU BETTER CALL THE DOCTOR
HELLO DOCTOR BETTER RUN OVER AND SEE WHAT THE MATTER IS WITH ME!
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SMITH COMMISSIONED AS ARMY LIEUTENANT

Well Known Recruiting Sergeant Given Rank In Infantry, and Awaits Assignment.

Sergeant B. T. Smith, who has been stationed in this city for the past 18 years as a recruiting officer of the United States army, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry. This will mean that Sergeant Smith will give up the recruiting service and go back to active service at

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Instrumental, selected, harp and violin, "To a Wild Rose"......MacDowell

Miss Marie Hazelrigg and Donald Scott

The celebration of the opening of the building will continue throughout the week, various lodges having charge of the entertainment on different evenings.

The opening of the building marks the realization of an endeavor which has been the aim of the members of the fraternity ever since the foundation of Masonry in Terre Haute. The Terre Haute Masonic Temple association was organized Aug. 29, 1911, and the following were elected as directors to represent the various bodies: W. C. Clark, P. M., Terre Haute lodge No. 19; J. N. Hickman, P. M., Social lodge No. 86; W. C. Retz, Sr., P. M., Humboldt lodge No. 42; W. K. Hamilton, P. M., Euclid lodge No. 573; J. S. Jordan, P. M., Terre Haute chapter No. 11; C. J. Herber, P. M., Terre Haute council, No. 8; J. G. Heinl, Terre Haute commandry No. 16.

The lots on which the building is located, 212 and 220 North Eighth street, were purchased from W. W. Parsons and J. A. Elder on Aug. 9, 1912, for a sum of $19,500. The property has a frontage of 150 feet. The erection of the interior decoration and, fixtures the building cost about $160,000 and about $18,800, making the total expenditure about $138,800.

The building is strictly fireproof, and consists of four floors and a basement. Its exterior dimensions are 80 by 110 feet. On the first floor is the main reception hall, the banquet hall, the men's lounging room and the ladies' rest rooms. The second floor is the lodge floor, the third floor is for the Chapter, Council and Commandery, and the fourth floor is the armory.

Parade Monday Afternoon.

At 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon there will be the opening of the grand lodge at the Hotel Deming, and immediately following this ceremony the members of Terre Haute lodge No. 19, Social lodge No. 86, Humboldt lodge No. 42, Euclid lodge No. 573, and Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 will assemble at the temple. All visiting Masons will also assemble there.

At 2:30 o'clock the Masonic procession will move in charge of Grand Marshal H. L. Stees. This procession will form at the temple, march over the downtown streets, and return to the temple at 3:30 o'clock. The temple will then be dedicated and consecrated by the most worshipful grand master. This will be followed by an oration by Past Grand Master Charles N. Mikels, whose subject will be "The Accomplishment of a Great Purpose." This will close the afternoon program.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a called meeting of Terre Haute lodge No. 19, F. & A. M., and the conferring of Master Mason degree by past masters. For this work the first section will be composed of Thomas J. Sanders, W. M.; John S. Jordan, S. W.; Fred J. Longman, J. W.; Horace E. Tune, treasurer; William Penn, secretary; William H. Jackson, S. D.; Samuel L. Fenner, J. D.; Robert W. VanValzah, S. S.; William B. Hice, J. S.; Charles H. Traquair, tyler.

The second section will be composed of Walter B. Noffsinger, W. M.; Walter C. Clark, S. W.; Otto A. Cottom, J. W.; Horace E. Tune, treasurer; William Penn, secretary; Truman B. English, S. D.; Elma S. Williams, J. D.; Hal H. Dronberger, S. S.; Harold A. Elton, J. S.; Charles H. Traquair, tyler; Luther Z. Breaks, David Lessolg, George A. Gagg and William O. Shanks.

The present officers of the lodge are Clyde P. Paris, W. M.; John Waller, S. W.; Thomas Records, J. W.; Horace E. Tune, treasurer; John R. Harkness, secretary; Charles E. Scott, S. D.; Harvey E. Smith, J. D.; Elza E. White,

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Aerial Attack.

SHOPS WITH GERMAN NAMES DEMOLISHED BY ANGRY MOBS

People Everywhere Demand Reprisals for Raid Which Killed and Wounded Many Women and Children.

LONDON, July 7.—Rioting broke out in the east end of London tonight when the people took into their own hands, retaliation for the bloody raid made over the city today by German aeroplanes.

With 37 men, women and children dead and 141 injured as the result of the German air piracy, the temper of the people was at fever heat. Great crowds, mostly women, paraded the streets of London Fields, in the Hackney district of the east end, attacking shops bearing German names.

The fronts of these shops were demolished by the infuriated crowds. Included in the crowds were men and women whose children had been maimed or killed by the German bombs.

At two places the furniture was dragged from the shops after the doors had been burst in, piled high in the street and burned. Police reserves summoned to the scene partially quelled the disturbance but attacks continued even after they had arrived.

Many Children Suffer.

Germany's raid over London today, made with twenty aeroplanes early today brought these results:

Killed, 28 men; 6 women; 3 children.

Injured, 74 men, 30 women, 37 children.

No military damage to the city.

Losses to German aerial squadron—7 machines downed.

Although the number of aerial pir-

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TERRE HAUTEAN HELD ON STABBING CHARGE

CHICAGO, Ill., July 7.—A man, who gave his name as A. C. Hall, of Minneapolis, was dying tonight from a stab wound below the heart following an altercation with a man said to be Fred Stark, of Terre Haute, Ind. Stark is under arrest.

LEYLAND LINER IS SUNK

BOSTON, July 7.—The Leyland liner Cestrian, 8,912 tons gross, long in the Boston-Liverpool service, has been sunk by a German submarine, according to cable advices received here today. The Cestrian was taken over by the British government early in the war and had not been in this port in nearly two years. Shipping men said the loss of the vessel was probably included in a recent admiralty report, although her name was not mentioned.

LONDON, July 7.—The Norwegian steamers Havbris, of 695 tons, and Bjerko, of 1,872 tons, have been sunk, a Central News despatch from Copenhagen reports. Fourteen members of the Bjerko's crew are missing.

LONDON, July 7.—Sinking of 1 British destroyer by a German submarine yesterday in the North sea was announced tonight by the British admiralty. One officer and seven of the crew of the vessel were killed.

[illegible] pay distillers the cost price plus a profit of not more than ten per cent, and suspends the tax on distilled liquor that will be seized under the act. The senate's action means the death of whisky during the war.

Houses Widely Apart.

It leaves senate and house diametrically opposed on the prohibition section. The senate sanctioned the use of wine and beer, the house specifically forbade it.

This means also a further fight when the conference report finally comes up for approval in senate and house.

Threats late today of cloture by Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, further involved an already complicated problem. Chamberlain submitted, at the end of a day of trouble and of conflicting action, a request for unanimous consent to limit debate on amendments to the measure and to vote on the bill at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Senator Wadsworth, New York, promptly objected.

"There will be hundreds of amendments," he said, "and time must be allowed for their consideration."

Cloture Threatened.

Chamberlain drew a cloture petition from his pocket and sent it to the clerk's desk. This would have been

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RECALL OF MERCIER REFUSED BY VATICAN

ROME, July 7.—Germany has demanded the recall of Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, by the vatican and the vatican has refused, bringing about strained relations between the Catholic church and Berlin, according to a story printed today in the newspaper Informazione.

Because of his intense pro-Belgian sympathies and his fearlessness in espousing the cause of the invaded monarchy, Cardinal Mercier has long been under disapproval of the German authorities.

PERSHING GIVES FIRST ORDER.

Tells Troops to Use Every Courtesy and Respect Private Property.

PARIS, July 7.—Major General Pershing issued his first general order today to the American expeditionary army contingent on French soil. It was a plea to his armies to return France's gratitude with perfect deportment during the time they are fighting for democracy.

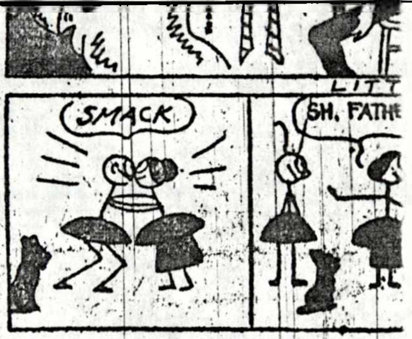
Especially, the American commander warned, was it necessary that the women of France, bearing the heavy burdens they now do, be treated with profound respect. In this way and in full observance of France's laws, Pershing held the American respect for the French armies would best be expressed. The order emphasized the necessity that American soldiers respect private property.

FEDERAL PROBE OF RIOTS.

Government to Look Into East St. Louis Race War.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 7.—It was stated today on what is claimed reliable authoritative source that the race riots in East St. Louis last Monday and the factors that contributed to them have been called to the attention of the federal deparment of justice and that an investigation by a federal grand jury is likely.

Interruption to interstate commerce, due to the shortage of negro labor in the railway terminal yards here and the necessity of keeping traffic open for military purposes, it is believed, will be the angles [illegible]



SMITH COMMISSIONED AS ARMY LIEUTENANT

Well Known Recruiting Sergeant Given Rank In Infantry, and Awaits Assignment.

Sergeant B. T. Smith, who has been stationed in this city for the past 13 years as a recruiting officer of the United States army, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry. This will mean that Sergeant Smith will give up the recruiting service and go back to active service at once, as he accepted the commission with a smile and said, "I'm ready to go."

Sergeant Smith has been in the service of the United States army for 13 years and will receive his discharge today. As soon as the discharge is received the commission will become effective. This step is necessary for the reason that an enlisted man must be discharged before he can accept a commission.

Mr. Smith says he is very sorry to leave his friends in this city and also that he has become much attached to the recruiting service, but all of these are minor considerations when he feels that he is needed in active service. Mr. Smith has not been notified as to what post he will be assigned or when he will be called.

Recruiting Sergeant Is Given Commission

LIEUT. B. T. SMITH.

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Fumed Oak Library Tables; were $16.00; now $10.98

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Golden Oak Library Tables; were $10.00 now $6.74

9x12 feet—worth $18.00 .... $12.50

BEST BRUSSELS RUGS

9x12 feet—worth $25.00 .... $19.75

BRUSSELS RUG

11.3x12 feet—worth $30.00 .... $2

VELVET RUGS

11.3x12 feet—worth $45.00 .... $2

The Store with the Blue Front

518 and 520 Wabash Ave.

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MASONS READY TO OPEN DOORS OF NEW HOME

Continued From Page One.

S. S.; Warren R. Williams, J. S.; Charles H. Traquair, tyler.

Program for Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening there will also be a called convocation of Terre Haute Chapter No. 11, R. A. M., and the conferring of the most excellent master degree. The officers of the chapter are Horace B. Terry, H. P.; David R. Daniel, K.; George A. Becherer, S.; E. E. Reiman, treasurer; James K. Allen, secretary; F. A. Schmidt, C. H.; Walter Rhodes, P. S.; John R. Byers, R. A. C.; Fred C. Wilton, M. 3rd V.; George H. Weldele, M. 2nd V.; W. K. Griffith, M. 1st V.; Charles H. Traquair, guard.

Following is the musical program for Tuesday evening:

Violin solo, "Canzonetta" ....
............T. Tschaiskowsky, Op. 35
Mrs. Buckner Posey; accompanied by Mrs. Philip A. Newhart.
Crescent quartette — Leslie Cahill, Norman Neely, Leland Huffman, John Jakel.
Directress Mrs. George A. Scott.
Reading, "Sweet Kitty Bellaires" ....
.... Sketch by Castle
Miss Gertrude Steepleton; pupil of Mrs. Grace Maxwell Myer.
Vocal solo, "Lontananza" ....
.... Angelo Mascheroni
Mrs. Frederick J. Longman; accompanist, Dean Armstrong.
Piano solo, Impromptu in A sharp, major.
Miss Harriet Sanders.

On Wednesday evening, there will be a called meeting of Social Lodge No. 86, F. & A. M. and the conferring of the Master Mason degree. The officers of the lodge are R. O. Pogue, W. M.; F. R. Corban, S. W.; Frank B. Rogers, J. W.; W. H. Berry, treasurer; James K. Allen, secretary; A. F. Friedman, S. D.; Joseph C. Anderson, J. D.; Edwin Morrison, S. S.; Louis Siebenmorgan, J. S.; C. H. Traquair, tyler.

Degree To Be Conferred.

On Wednesday evening, there will also be a called assembly of Terre Haute Council No. 8, R. & S. M. and the conferring of the R. & S. M. degree by the following past illustrious masters, Charles Balsh, I. M.; E. E. Bitner, D. M.; William F. Hartough, P. C. W.; Alwert Balsley, treasurer; J. K. Allen, recorder; M. L. Laubach, C. G.; Jefferson Houpt, C. C.; Robert Van Valzah, steward; Herman Froeb, sentinel.

The present officers of the council are J. S. Heppner, I. M.; George A. Becherer, D. M.; H. E. McQuinn, P. C. W.; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; James K. Allen, recorder; F. A. Schmidt, C. G.; John R. Byers, C. C.; W. K. Griffith, steward; C. H. Traquair, sentinel.

On Thursday evening, there will be a called meeting of Humboldt Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M. and the conferring of the Master Mason degree. The officers of the lodge are Adam Reichert, W. M.; Harrison Berkowitz, S. W.; Isidor Berkowitz, J. W.; Christian Kern, treasurer; S. Himmelbauer, secretary; Hans Hintermeister, S. D.; Julius Hintermeister, J. D.; A. J. May, S S.; Fred Ohm, J. S.; C. H. Traquair, tyler.

On Friday evening, there will be a called meeting of Euclid Lodge No. 573, F. & A. M. and the conferring of the Master Mason degree by the following past masters: H. B. Terry, W. M.; Alwert Balsley, S. W.; C. J. Herber, J. W.; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; John C. Warren, secretary; W. F. Hartough, S. D.; C. Y. Kelly, J. D.; Roy Duncan, S. S.; Charles P. Walker, J. S.; Robert Andrew, tyler; Charles Balch, chaplain; O. E. Raidy, J. V. Houpt, Emil Froeb, William Baugh, A. C. Duddleston.

The present officers of the lodge are C. P. Klaus, W. M.; H. R. Pugh, S. W.; C. J. Watkins, J. W.; W. K. Hamilton, treasurer; H. B. Terry, secretary; James W. Adams, S. D.; S. E. Cooper, J. D.; Ralph Moran, S. S.; W. H. Hoff, J. S.; C. H. Traquair, tyler.

Special Conclave.

On Saturday evening, there will be a special conclave of Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar and the conferring of the Order of the Temple by the following past eminent commanders, John W. Parks, E. C.; Charles Balch, G.; C. G. Reynolds, C. G.; W. F. Hartough, S. W.; Herman Froeb, J. W.; John C. Warren, prelate; George E. Farrington, treasurer; James K. Allen, recorder; Frederick Goldsmith, standard bearer; Ora D. Davis, sword bearer; W. W. Adamson, warden; E. E. Bitner, third G.; R. W. VanValzah, second G; John R. Coffin, first G.; C. H. Traquair, sentinel.

The present officers of the commandery are John R. Harkness, E. C.; C. J. Herber, G.; C. G. Reynolds, C. G.; J. E. Mechling, S, W.; Burwell Sale, J. W,; John C. Warren, prelate; Frank McKeever, treasurer; James K. Allen, recorder; D. R. Daniels, standard B.; Omer O. Rhodes, sword B.; F. M. Schultz, warden; John F. Graul, third G.; F. A. Schmidt, second G.; W. E. Williams, first G.; C. H. Traquair, sentinel.

On Saturday evening, there will also be a called meeting of Terre Haute Chapter No. 43, O. E. S., and the conferring of the Order of the Eastern Star. The officers of the chapter are Martha E. Norcross, W. M.; Elmer H. Schroeder, W. P.; Mildred L. Smith, A. M.; Josephine T. Adair, secretary; Elizabeth K. Conrad, treasurer; Amelia G. Garrigus, cond.; Netta R. Patton, asso. cond.; Kate Himmelbauer, chaplain; Mary C. Gregory, marshal; Grace McKeever Byl, pianist; Alma Schroeder, Adah; Lena Becherer, Ruth; Minda E. Williams, Esther; Sarah Tursher, Martha; Ora M. Kenney, Electa; Florence Hornbuckle, warden; C. H. Traquair, sentinel.

Committees in Charge.

Following are the committees which have had charge of the arrangements for the dedication and the celebrations to be held in connection with it:

General—Clyde P. Paris, K. Adam Reichert, Horace B. Terry, John R. Harkness, Roscoe O. Pogue, Curtis P. Klaus, John S. Heppner, Martha E. Norcross.

Invitation—Curtis P. Klaus, H. Raymond Pugh, Sidney E. Cooper, Harry G. Cushman, James K. Allen, Charles J. Watkins, Fred Seeburger, Ralph Moran.

Program—Clyde P. Paris, K. Adam Reichert, Roscoe O. Pogue, Curtis P. Klaus, Martha E. Norcross.

Printing—Horace B. Terry, Alwert Balsley, George A. Becherer.

Badges and Souvenirs—Roscoe O. Pogue, Harrison Berkowitz, Grace McKeever Byl.

Parade—K. Adam Reichert, Wm. H. Hoff, Morton T. Hidden, Harvey Jones, James A. Mitchell, Homer L. Stees, Otto Zopf.

Decorations—Martha E. Norcross, Charles E. Worman, Nelson B. Stover, Clara E. Stover, Wm. Dickinson, Paul J. Berheide, Harrison Berkowitz, William F. OBrien, Inga H. Dickinson.

No Judgment.

"Why did you get rid of your goat?"

"Somebody told me he would be handy on the estate to clean up the bushes."

"And didn't you find him handy at that work?"

"Too handy. He cleaned up my rose bushes."

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LETTER WRITTEN BY CURTIS GILBERT

TO

LYNDON A.SMITH, OCT.3,1870

IN ANSWER TO AN INVITATION OF TERRE HAUTE LODGE

NO. 19 TO THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY

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Curtis Gilbert's Letter.

Terre Haute, Oct.3, 1870.

Lyndon A. Smith - Dear Sir: I have received through you the kind invitation of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, to be present at the celebration of its 50th Anniversary on the 6th inst., and to furnish some reminiscences of those friends of my earlier days who have gone before us and incidents of early life in this place.

Cheerfully would I comply with your kind wishes were I conscious of my ability to communicate anything interesting or valuable. But few of us are inclined to chronicle for future use the events and incidents of the present, as nature seems to have decreed oblivian to the past.

The marching of the army to the Upper Wabash, the battle of Tippecanoe and the establishment of Fort Harrison, seemed to impress the west with the importance of this region of country, and soon after the close of the war of 1812 public attention was drawn here. The Indians of the Wabash who had been mainly hostile during the war were far from being reconciled to peace, and surveys of the lands here were not only opposed by them butfrequently interrupted, and in the spring of 1815, a company of Rangers on Busseron Creek was defeated and dispersed by them and ~~never~~ some children taken prisoners who were never recovered.

At the close of the war in 1814, an act was passed by Congress granting lands to certain Canadian Volunteers who had been citizens of the United States, but who had, during the war joined ourforces, and whose property in Canada, therefore, had been confiscated. This act permitted these lands to be located in this

Land District, even before the public sale. This sale was advertised to take place in June 1816, and in anticipation of this many settlers in the early spring of that year had reported here and selected favorite spots, with the view of purchasing at the sale, and several had erected log houses thereon; but previous to the sale their lands so selected, together with a large proportion of the most valuable lands of the District were located by these claims. This so disheartened and discouraged the early setters that many left and located themselves on the eastern border of the Grand Prairie in Illinois. This together with the unconciliatory bearing of many of the prominent Canadian settlers, engendered hostile feelings which for years if seemed impossible to allay and which tended much to retard the settlement of the country. On my arrival at Fort Harrison on the 20th of December, 1815, the Fort was then garrisoned by a Rifle Regiment under the command of Major Willough by Morgan, who was then rebuilding the Fort. In the Spring following, (1816) this regiment was ordered west and the garrison succeeded by a company from Fort Knox, under the command of Major John T. Chunn, who continued to garrison it until the summer of 1817, when he was ordered to Detroit and the Post discontinued.

The settlers at the Fort at the time of my arrival, were Isaac Lambert, John Dickson, Joseph Dickson, and John Handy; they were then the only reputed, settlers north of Turmans Creek or Fort Turman as it was then called. The Indian traders at the Fort at the time, were John A: Lafonde, John Roland, A. Hashney, Pierre La Plante Mitchell Broiullet, interpretor and Sub-agent, and Andrew Brooks Armourer for the Indians.

THe earliest settlers around Fort Harrison Prairie, were Mr. Lane at Strawberry Hill, Remember Blackman, Thomas Packet, and some others at the ravine near Hiram Smith's place, and Austin at the hill, now occupied by Joseph Gilbert, John M. Colman at the Early Grove, Capt. John Hamiliton at the oldDawson place, Peter Allen, twomiles east of the Fort, Major Ab'm Markle at the mill, Truman Blackman, also east of the Fort, Caleb Crawford, Robert Graham, and Solomon Teverbaugh at Otter Creek, Alexander Chamberlin and Elisha U. Brown on the bluff north of the Honey Creek Locks, Isaac Lambert, John Dickson, George Clam, Moses Hoggatt, Robert Hopkins, William Walker and others, at Honey Creek and Ezra Jones at the Wallace farm.

In the fall of 1816, then the town of Terre Haute was laid out and the first sale of lots took place on the 31st of October of that year, and its settlement immediately there after commenced. Doctor Charles B. Modesitt who had then lately come on from Virginia and who then resided near me at the Fort, I think, was the first to strike at Terre Haute. He biult a log cabin on the alley lot no 257, at the mouth of Ohio Street. Next, or soon there after followed Lewis Hodge, Robert S. McCabe, John Bailey, Adam Weaver, Nicholas Yeager, Samuel McQuilkin, Henry Redford, John Harris, Malcom McFadden, Wm. Haynes, Richard Jaques, Robert Brasher, Nathan Kirk, Robert Kerr, Gideon Sleeper, Ichabod Wood, John Britton and Lucius H. Scott, and soon after, in 1818 Doctor Eleazer Aspinwall, Doctor Davenport, Lewis B. Lawrence, Demas Deming and Chauncey Rose, who had the year prvious been at the Fort, These persons, with perhaps the exception of two, have all been called hence.

The second sale of lots took place in May 1818. It was made by the county, of lots donated by the original Propretors, on account of the seat of justice being established here. The sale compared favorably as to prices with the former sale, but something lower; but from this period the value of lots began to decline and in 1821, when a final sale of Company's property took place, it had declined more than one hundred per cent, and had severely affected those who had made a large purchases.

In 1829 the river became remarkably low, the wells were all dried up and general sickness prevailed and I think not a family escaped, many deaths also occured and many amongst our most prominent citizens, Viz; Dr. Aspinwall, Dr. Davenport, Lewis B. Lawrence, a prominent young lawyer from the East, Samuel Hill a hotel Keeper, Miss Collett, Sister of the elder Collett, at Vermillon and Mrs. Hussey.

Thus seemed to strike a fatal blow to the health of our town which continued for years, and from which it did not fully recover until after the draining of Lost Creek, in 1837. This Creek previous to its draining had washed down the prairie east and south of the city, creating an immense morass of several hundred acres, without any outlet except by absorption and evaporation.

At the early stage of our settlement here the requisitions of our benevolent order of Masonry were often needed and as often cheerfully accorded.

Previous to the organization of Terre Haute Lodge, a few of the craft would occasionally meet at appropriate places and there exercise and revine the rites of the order, and an one occasion I recallect of meeting two or three members in a field of wheat.

At the first organization of our lodge, I think the members consisted of: Gen. Peter Allen, Lieut. Robert Sturges, from the Fort, John Britton, Samuel McQuilkin, Lucius H. Scott, Elihu Hovey, Zebina C. Hovey, Jacob Barnet Buinap, Robert Brasher, Demas Deming, Thomas H. Blake, Andrew Brooks and others whom I do not recollect. These now, perhaps, with one single exception have all been called hence to the great Grand Lodge; but while they journeyed here I am convinced that kindly feeling existed, and whether we met in our daily avocations or in canclave, our meeting were on the level and on the square.

After the Morgan raid against masanry, the meetings of our Lodge were less frequent and for time nearly discontinued, and since then I have seldom visited a Lodge except on some funeral occasion.

For several years past, admonished by ill health and declining years, I have sought quiet in retiring from the active scenes of life; but, cherishing as I do the warmest sympathy for your benevolent order, I trust I shall be excused from meeting with you on this interesting occasion.

Very Respectfully,

Curtis Gilbert.

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Fifty years of Masonic History!

Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19.

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The Structure of Freemasonry

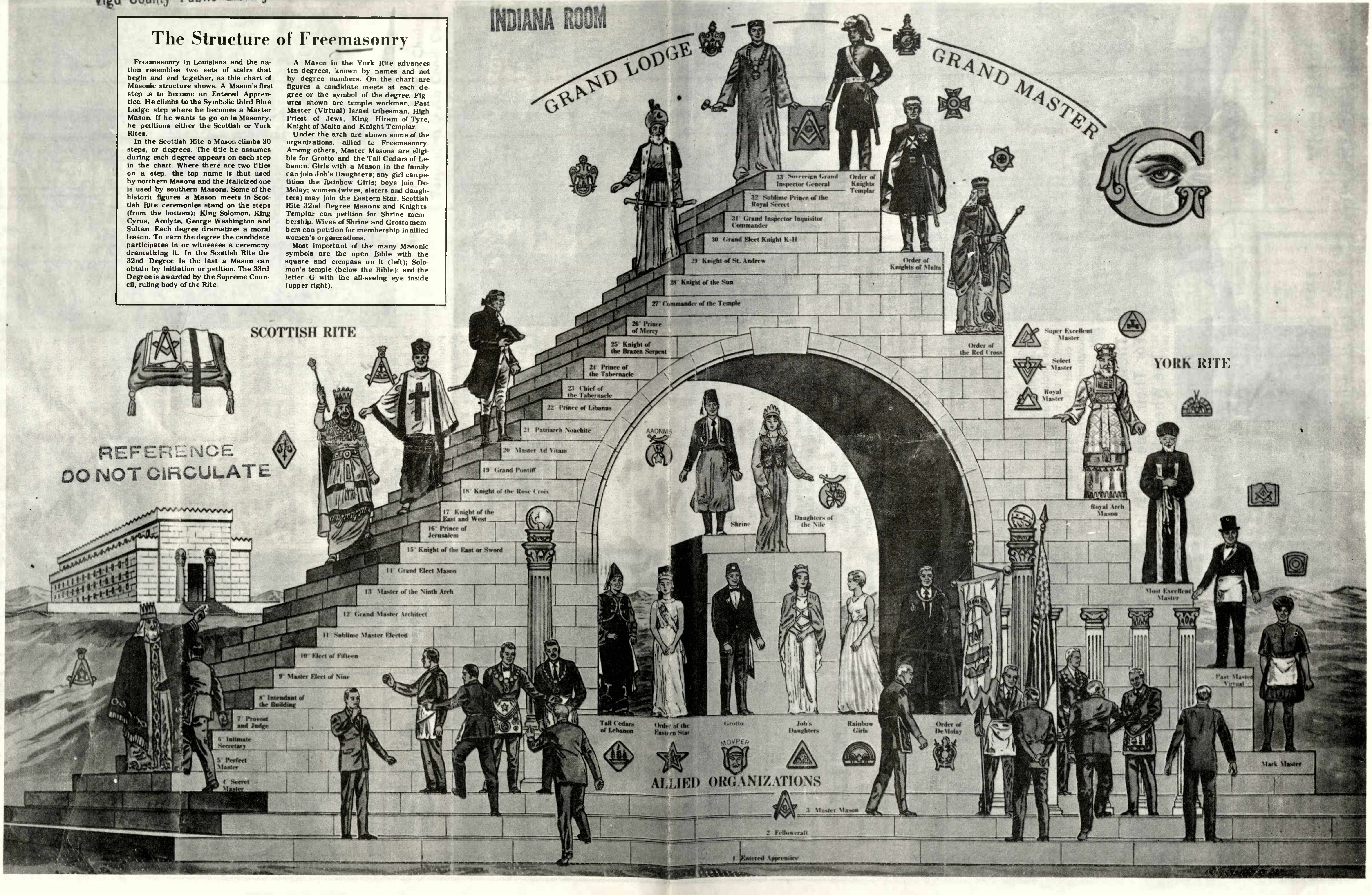
Freemasonry in Louisiana and the nation resembles two sets of stairs that begin and end together, as this chart of Masonic structure shows. A Mason's first step is to become an Entered Apprentice. He climbs to the Symbolic third Blue Lodge step where he becomes a Master Mason. If he wants to go on in Masonry, he petitions either the Scottish or York Rites.

In the Scottish Rite a Mason climbs 30 steps, or degrees. The title he assumes during each degree appears on each step in the chart. Where there are two titles on a step, the top name is that used by northern Masons and the italicized one is used by southern Masons. Some of the historic figures a Mason meets in Scottish Rite ceremonies stand on the steps (from the bottom): King Solomon, King Cyrus, Acolyte, George Washington and Sultan. Each degree dramatizes a moral lesson. To earn the degree the candidate participates in or witnesses a ceremony dramatizing it. In the Scottish Rite the 32nd Degree is the last a Mason can obtain by initiation or petition. The 33rd Degree is awarded by the Supreme Council, ruling body of the Rite.

A Mason in the York Rite advances ten degrees, known by names and not by degree numbers. On the chart are figures a candidate meets at each degree or the symbol of the degree. Figures shown are temple workman. Past Master (Virtual) Israel tribesman, High Priest of Jews, King Hiram of Tyre, Knight of Malta and Knight Templar.

Under the arch are shown some of the organizations, allied to Freemasonry. Among others, Master Masons are eligible for Grotto and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Girls with a Mason in the family can join Job's Daughters; any girl can petition the Rainbow Girls; boys join DeMolay; women (wives, sisters and daughters) may join the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite 32nd Degree Masons and Knights Templar can petition for Shrine membership. Wives of Shrine and Grotto members can petition for membership in allied women's organizations.

Most important of the many Masonic symbols are the open Bible with the square and compass on it (left); Solomon's temple (below the Bible); and the letter G with the all-seeing eye inside (upper right).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WHEELCHAIR SEVENTH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

On Friday night, Nov. 5th, the Judge Frank Fisher Wheelchair Club held their seventh annual awards banquet at the Temple. With some 165 persons in attendance which included guests from the news media, 20 Nobles received replica wheelchairs for their sponsoring a child during the year either to the St. Louis or Cincinnati Unit. Sixteen Nobles were recognized for their participation in the Blood Bank Program of the Wheelchair Club.

Noble Bob Webster served as the general chairman of the event. During the program Noble Webster was recognized for his efforts over the years in the Club's activities. The Zorah Zips were also recognized for their trip to St. Louis Crippled Children Hospital this past summer at which time they had a cookout for both the patients and the staff. It was also pointed out that Noble Cappy Jones had donated the beef for the Hospital and it was the second time that he had done this.

Illustrious Potentate Joseph Sharp of Orak Temple, who was introduced by Zorah's Illustrious Potentate Ed Showecker, gave a very interesting and informative talk on "THE AMAZING STORY OF SHRINEDOM". At the conclusion of his talk he was presented a plaque by Potentate Showecker in appreciation of his coming to Zorah to be with our people.

Prior to the presenting of checks for the Hospital and Temple's uses, Past Potentates Dave McEwan and Bill Cox, along with their ladies, were recognized. Mrs. Laverna Fisher, first lady of the Wheelchair Club, was also recognized.

Noble Verlin Ross, Vice-Chairman, presented to Potentate Ed Showecker a check in the amount of $4,000 to be distributed to the two hospitals that Zorah is assigned to. Noble Art Walls, Sec.-Treas., presented a check in the amount of $1800 to Potentate Showecker for the purposes of replacing the cement entrance way in front of the Temple. These funds were raised by the Wheelchair Club when they sponsored the Loretta Lynn show.

It was also pointed out that the Wheelchair Club will be selling Christmas Trees at Great Scot again this year, Dec. 8 thru Dec. 22. Nobles Ernie Henshaw and Ned Marietta are serving as co-chairmen. Any Noble wishing to help please contact either Ned or Cappy or you can sign up at the Temple Office.

The Wheelchair Club presented to Chairman Ralph Kerr, a permanent hospital certificate, for his efforts on behalf of the club.

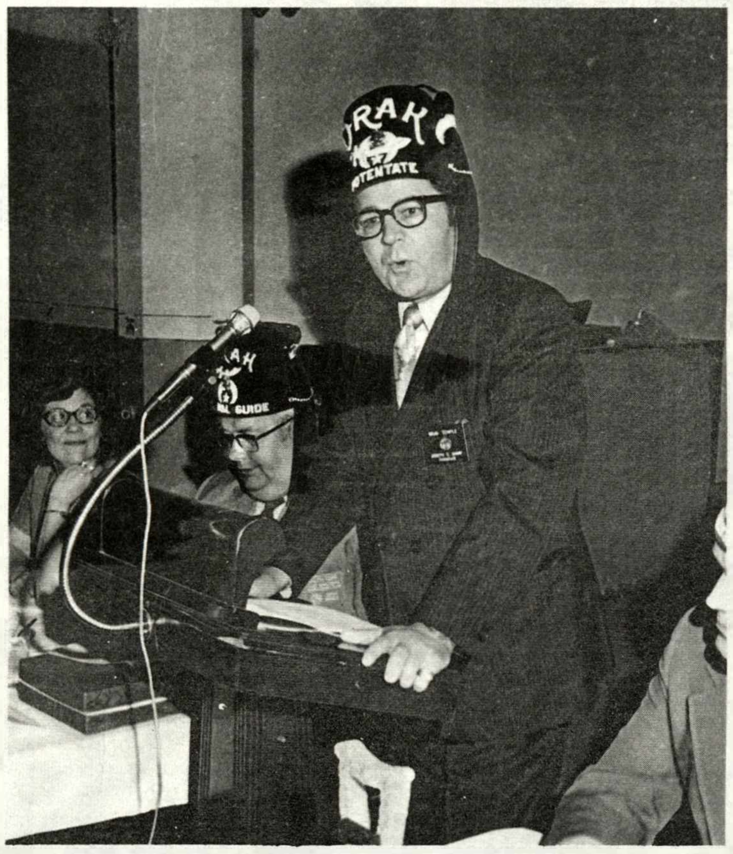
The following Nobles received Wheelchair Awards:

Ed Showecker, Terre Haute; Vivian Autterson, Terre Haute; Herb Ellis, Linton; Bill Richardson, Terre Haute; Sherman Anderson, Linton; Art Jones, Clinton; Jack Fisher, Sullivan; Maynard Neimeyer, Terre Haute; Charlie Pounds, Terre Haute; Ken Sitterding, Linton; Ned Marietta, Blanford; Lew Engle, Terre Haute; Charles Cuel, Clinton; Roland Beard, Clinton; Jack Allen, Linton; Frank Kerr, Terre Haute; Robert Duncan, Linton; Bill Edwards, Brazil; Merle Whitehead, Terre Haute; Orval Byers, Bloomfield.

The following Nobles were recognized for being Blood Donors:

William Vogel, DeLance Grubb, Verlin Ross, Merle Whitehead, Dick Hawkins, Gene Stokes, Leonard Utterback, Al Brodhacker, Cappy Jones, Bill Richardson, Jack Paitson, Dave McEwan, Jim Atkinson, Burton Rossiter, John Holdren, and Ralph Kerr.

Any Noble wishing to become a blood donor for the Wheelchair Club is asked to contact Noble Merle Whitehead, 41 Rodeghiero Rd., Terre Haute, Phone 466-5993.



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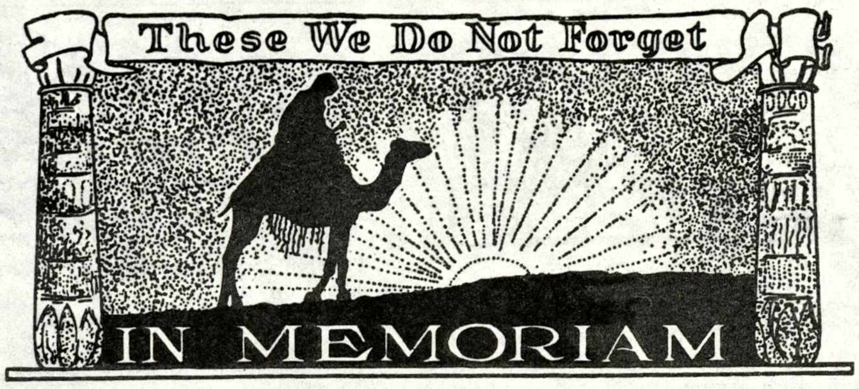
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His was a hand that asked no fee
For friendliness or kindness done.
And now that he has journeyed on,
His is a fame that never ends—
He leaves behind uncounted friends."

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Gerthal French	June 27, 1888	Dec. 4, 1915	- - - - - - - - -
William H. Patrick	Nov. 4, 1886	May 31, 1958	May 14, 1971
Hartman Schwartz	Feb. 28, 1900	Feb. 28, 1900	Oct. 8, 1971
E. D. Harmas	Sept. 24, 1894	Nov. 20, 1954	- - - - - - - - -
John Fischer	June 8, 1891	Dec. 14, 1957	June 20, 1971
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With the laying of the new light colored tile floor our Banjo Room is now complete, and we are so proud of it that we extend a cordial welcome to all Nobles to come and see it.

The Banjo Unit played for the Senior Citizens at Clinton, and also for the Terre Haute Kiwanis Club at their pancake supper.

The Unit also appeared on television in conjunction with the Judge Frank Fisher Wheelchair Club bringing to the public the story of the Shrine Crippled Children's hospitals and the Burns hospitals.

With constant practice the Ban Joes are beginning to sound like professionals, so keep up the good work boys.

So long till next month.

Steve Sobonya

EDITORS NOTE!
Steve Sobonya as the chairman of the Banjoes Roaring "20's" Party did an outstanding job. Congratulations Steve.

Drum & Buqle Corps

As usual the Corps came through on top in attendance for the Annual Shrimp Peelers Stag. Nice work boys! Wiggie joins those responsible for urging the near 100 per cent turn out of members in doing a fine job.

Congrats to George and Ann Stokes on their arrival of a fine little granddaughter. The parents perhaps deserve some credit too. Best wishes Mr. and Mrs. John Acord.

Dick Hawkins the tireless corps organizer had his committee out for support of the Wheel Chair Club for the Loretta Lynn Show.

Wiggie and Blondie had as their guests, after the Clinton Parade, all Drum Corps members and their wives as well as other Shrine members. Those of you members unable to attend missed one hell of a party. Our sincere thanks to two wonderful hosts.

Members of the D & B Corps wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and continued interest and aid in the many children that our Temple has assisted each year.

Gene Perry

The band is happy to have Fran Tomlinson join the Trombone section. His addition makes a strong section even more so.

The Saxaphone Quartet entertained at family night and did a fine job.

The ceremonial was a huge success; everything went off smoothly and we were privileged to have Mr. George Bishop visit us for this affair. For those of you who do not know who George is, he's the Executive Vice President of the North American Bandman Association. He tells me that the Zorah Band was the first band in the U. S. A. to come through with their '72 dues.

His wife, who was scheduled to be here, suffered a coronary but seems to be recovering nicely. She was disappointed because she has been present for the Dinner Dances at all the Shrines this year but one and she got as far as the Z's before she had to call it quits.

The Zorah Band wishes a quick recovery for Mrs. Bishop and look forward to seeing her next year.

We are very proud of some of the outstanding people that come out of the band to serve the Temple. The Tip of the Fez to our Oriental Guide and Band Brother Harley Pell, whose outstanding efforts as membership chairman has made us all realize how much that second and third effort pays off.

Bud Morgan

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The only thing harder to hold than a greased pig is a quart of beer.

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Christmas Toys For Shrine Hospitals

Potentate Edward Showecker and Queen Leona Jones of the Nile wish to take this opportunity to announce that both the members of Zorah Shrine and the members of the Daughter's of the Nile are joining in a joint venture to furnish Christmas presents for the 130 boys and girls that will be patients at both the St. Louis Crippled Children Hospital and the Cincinnati Burns Institute this year at Christmas.

Members are asked to purchase a gift for either a boy or girl age up to 15 years old. These do not need to be expensive gifts, but should be nice gifts. There will be a large box located in the lobby of the Temple for you to put your gifts. They ask that the gifts are not wrapped so that they can be properly identified before wrapping which will be done by the staffs of the two hospitals.

If you have a gift but unable to bring it to the Temple, please call the Temple office, 232-1232 and they will see that someone picks it up for you. If you care to make a cash donation to this project, you may do so by sending your donation to the Shrine Office marked TOYS.

Gifts or donations will be accepted up to Dec. 21st. We hope that all of you Shriners and Nile members will make this a real nice thing for the children in the hospitals. You can make your Christmas a lot nicer by helping make the childrens Christmas nice.

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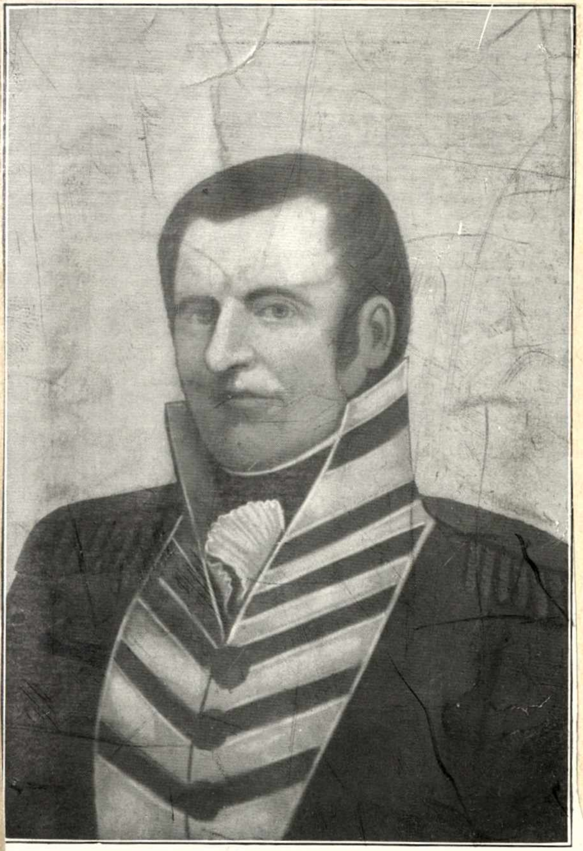

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Euclid Lodge Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Trib-Star May 21-1961

Masonry goes back in its history in Terre Haute to the year 1819. The date of the first charter of a lodge here was Sept. 13, 1821, but the first dispensation for this lodge was granted in 1819 to Terre Haute Lodge No. 19. This lodge flourished, and of its members was nearly every leading man in the county of the early settlers.

In 1832 it ceased, and the work was abandoned and the charter lapsed. There was no lodge in Terre Haute from 1832 to 1845, when it was revived. Ten Master Masons in the fall of that year met and petitioned the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to assemble and work together as a regular lodge. The signatures to that petition were: Elijah Tillotson, James S. Freeman, Thomas Dowling, David Bell, Malcom McFadden, William Naylor, Samuel Hager and Louis Levy. From that day to this the society has been one of the most flourishing in the state. It has been a steady growth for "old 19," and from it has sprung the two lodges — "Social 86" and "Humboldt."

Dorothy J. Clark

During the seventies and eighties the three lodges were static. The younger men believed that their older brothers stayed in office too long and a study of the directories show that some of the Masters remained in office for several years.

On June 25, 1885, twenty-two Master Masons petitioned the Grand Lodge for a dispensation to form and operate a new lodge named "Euclid" in Terre Haute until a charter could be granted. On September 21, 1885, after favorable recommenadtion by the three then existing Terre Haute Lodges the petition was granted.

Signers of this petition were: Thaddeus S. Moore (Moore-Langen), Samuel Prevo (of Marshall, Illinois), Julius F. Roedel (wholesale grocer at First and Ohio), John R. Coffin (contractor), Ruben Burney, Winfield B. Brick, Charles E. Temple (father of Temple Laundry owners), Horace M. Kearns, Charles H. Goodwin (local printer), James Wisely (another printer), Ellis E. South (Big Four Railroad), Julius Brittlebank, Ambrose W. Smith, George Libbert, William E. Burk, James Torrence, George Flood (who lived at Fourth and Washington), Wm. Graul, Orville E. Raidy (railroader slated to be the third Master of the Lodge, but was transferred away from here and didn't become Master until 1911), Henry Orril, Samuel E. Armstrong and Walter S. Pierce.

Acting officers were: J. E. Roedel, worshipful master; Orville E. Raidy, senior warden, and Charles E. Goodwin, junior warden.

Receives Charter.

On May 25, 1886, the Grand Lodge granted a charter to Euclid Lodge No. 573. The charter membership totalled 35, an increase of 13 over the petition. Under the charter the first officers of the lodge were the three named above and Julius Brittlebank, treasurer; James Wisely, secretary; John R. Coffin, senior deacon; John L. Seaman, junior deacon; Henry Steeg, senior steward; Ambrose W. Smith, junior steward, and Charles Creager, tyler.

Euclid Lodge met on Monday nights in the hall of Lodge No. 19 on the third floor of the old McKeen Building, 644½ Wabash avenue, from 1885 until the building was razed near the turn of the century to make way for the Herz store (now Aldens). From then until 1917 meetings were held on Tuesday nights in the quarters of Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar, on the third floor of the MeKeen Block, northwest corner of Seventh and Wabash, now known as the Fairbanks Building. Since 1917 the Lodge has met at the Masonic Temple, 224 North Eighth street.

Through the Masonic Temple Association, all the Terre Haute Lodges participated in planning, constructing and operating of the Masonic Temple, an investment in excess of $400.000 in building, grounds and furnishings. The cornerstone was laid May 25, 1916, and the building was dedicated July 9, 1917. Henry A. Van Brunt and Sydney D. Goodwin, whose father Charles E. Goodwin was the second Master of Euclid Lodge in 1887, received 50-year pins on March 7, 1961. At least eight members of Sid's family, his father, four uncles, and two cousins besides himself were all members of Euclid. At the turn of the century the Lodge was composed mainly of local printers and railroaders.

None of the charter members is now living. At the fiftieth anniversary only Julius W. Brittlebank survived, and he was unable to attend the meeting.

Celebration Planned.

The 75th anniversary of Euclid Lodge wil be commemorated on Saturday, May 27, 1961, at the Masonic Temple. The Master Mason degree will be conferred on one candidate. Principal speaker of the evening will be Dwight L. Smith, PGM, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Fred C. Campbell, PM, is chairman of the committee planning the anniversary program.

The list of past masters of Euclid Lodge from its beginning in 1886 to the present time include many well-known residents: Julius F. Roedel, 1886; Charles H. Goodwin, 1887; Western Harper, 1888; John R. Coffin, 1889; William O. Patton, 1890; Charles Balch, 1891; Alonzo C. Duddleston, 1892; Emil Froeb, 1893; John C. Warren, 1894; Frank E. Dupell, 1895; William K. Hamilton, 1896; Robert Andrew, 1897; Edwin L. Duddleston, 1898; Henry R. Glick, 1899; Alfred Cummings, 1900; William E. Henrich Jr., 1901; William Wurtzebach, 1902; Otto Riehle, 1903; William H. Baugh, 1904; Herman Froeb, 1905; Henry Van Brunt, 1906; William F. Hartough, 1907; Albert Balsley, 1908; Conrad J Herber, 1909; Jefferson V. Houpt, 1910; Orville E. Raidy, 1911; John E. Wolf, 1912; Chester Y. Kelly, 1913; Horace B. Terry, 1914; Roy Duncan, 1915; Charles P. Walker, 1916; Curtis P. Klaus, 1917; H Raymond Pugh, 1918; Charles J Watkins, 1919; Dr. Walter Rhodes, 1920; John R. Love, 1921; Paul Heedwohl, 1922; Roy W Bonnett, 1923; James L. Mullis, 1924; Harry R. Harrison, 1925; C Clayton Woodrum, 1926; William L. Smith, 1927; Walter T. Noble, 1928; George W. Trout, 1929; Ernest R. Ellis, 1930; Charles E. Thomson, 1931; Homer N. Jackson, 1932; J. Vernon Brewer, 1933; Fred B. Stewart, 1934; Charles E. Reynolds, 1935; Fred W. Ellinberger, 1936; Charles A. Purcell, 1937; Starline A. Hamilton, 1938; Lester E. Jacks, 1939; Harold E. Henderson, 1940; John H. Griffith, 1941; Ray H. Scofield, 1942; Earl O. Prater, 1943; Herbert Bitts, 1944; Charles E. White, 1945; John D. Council, 1946; Harry Hassinger, 1947; Decker Myles, 1948; Herschel C. Reynolds, 1949; Robert W. Blizzard, 1950; James C. Albin, 1951; Floyd W. Fleming, 1952; James H. Gee, 1953; Daniel Partington, 1954; Carl W. Layman, 1955;

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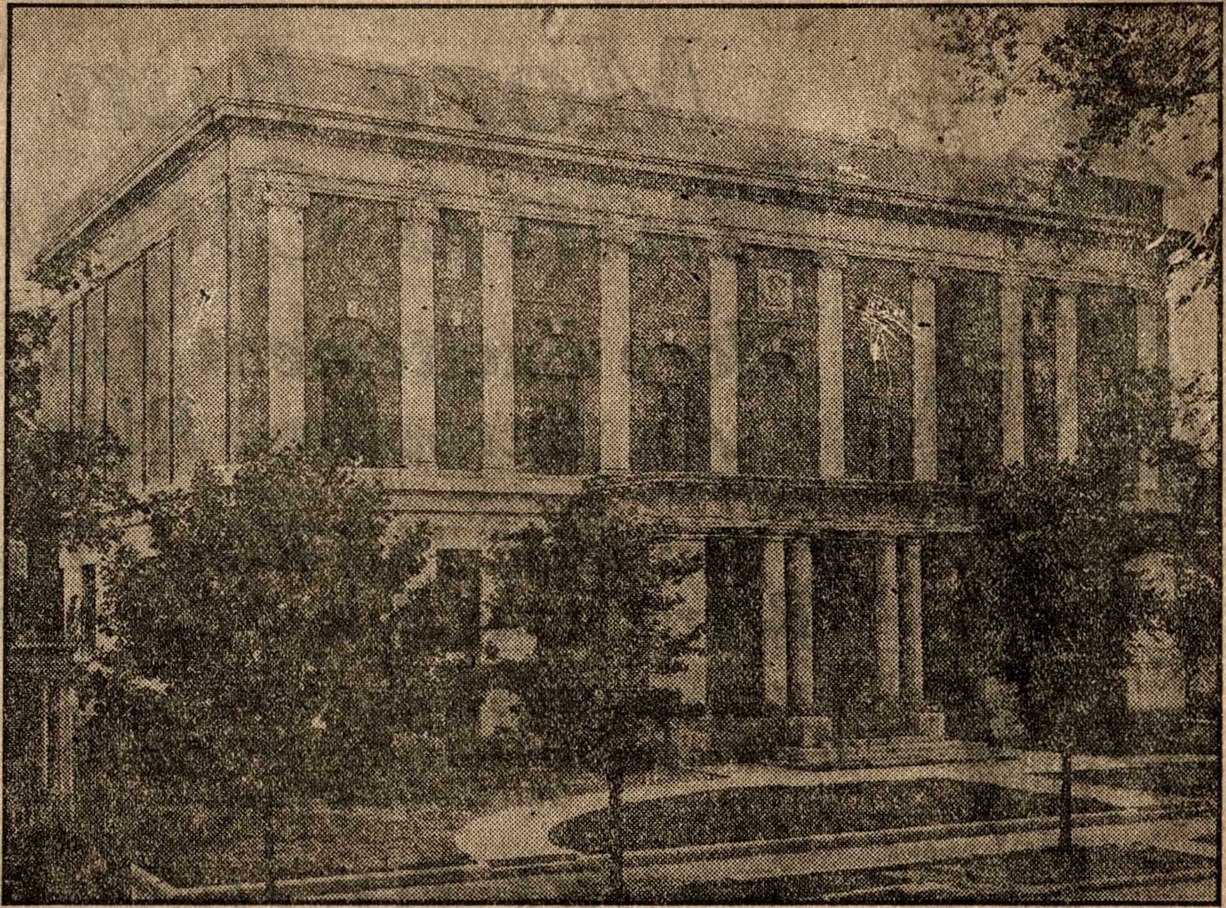

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